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CONGRATULATIONS EXTENDED TO DR. JUAN CHEDIK ON RETIREMENT
FROM MEDICAL PRACTICE

WHEREAS, We in this city of immigrants, this city of neighborhoods, are particularly cognizant of the "American Dream" which is, of course, the dream of all peoples, that anyone, regardless of birth country or social class, can attain their own version of success in a society where upward mobility is possible for everyone; and

WHEREAS, While for most of the developed world, the very ability to pursue that dream is predicated upon frequent, and often dreaded, trips to physicians; a reality so pervasive it requires amendment of Benjamin Franklin's truth that "nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes" by addition of the words "and visits to a physician"; and

WHEREAS, The ability to practice the art, as opposed to the business, of medicine is a true blessing bestowed upon the very few; and

WHEREAS, Doctor Juan Chediak is one of those few, exemplifying the three A's by which any physician must be judged----ability, availability and affability; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Chediak's passion for his profession was made manifest by his impact upon patient and practitioner, while his expertise was matched by his commitment to and compassion for his patients; and

WHEREAS, For nearly a half century Dr. Chediak has engaged in the Sisyphean struggle against the physical depredations to which our fragile human shells are subject; and

WHEREAS, Having begun his career with fellowships at Michael Reese and University of Illinois hospitals, later serving as a physician and professor at both as well as with Illinois Masonic and Rush University hospitals, he concluded his service in private practice; and

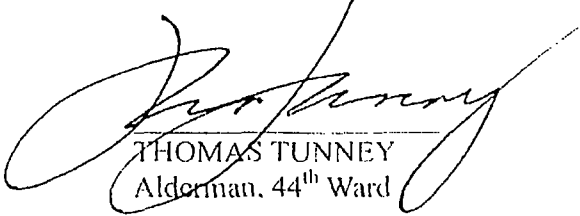
WHEREAS, Both the wellspring and a primary manifestation of Dr. Chediak's seemingly inexhaustible reservoir of commitment and compassion is his family, including his beloved wife Graciela, who serves as the President of the Ecuadorian Volunteers Association for which Dr. Chediak also serves as an Advisory Board member, his children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, While the corporatist, profit-centric constrictions of the U.S. medical system have finally driven this supremely humanistic physician from the field, after more than three-quarters of a century practicing what Plato has referred to as *techne tou bio* or "the craft of life", on June 30, 2018 Dr. Chediak closed his practice to further enrich his own spirit through the devotion of time to his family, his philanthropic pursuits, and to travel, through which he enjoys visiting with former colleagues and patients the world over; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED That we, Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Alderman Tunney, and the members of the City Council of Chicago, gathered here this 25th day of July in 2018, do hereby recognize and salute the almost half century devoted to the provision of healing and succor to Chicagoans by Dr. Juan Chediak,

express our sincere appreciation for his immeasurable contribution to the commonweal, and extend our best wishes for a fulfilling and joyful retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Dr. Juan Chediak.



THOMAS TUNNEY
Alderman, 44th Ward

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