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Burke, Edward M. (14)

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Congratulations extended to Rick W. Mills

**Committee(s) Assignment:** 

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Rick W. Mills, the Chief Area Officer for Area 26 of the Chicago Public Schools, has announced he has resigned to accept a new position was Deputy Superintendent of the Minneapolis Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this event by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

WHEREAS, In his role as Chief Area Officer, Rick W. Mills oversaw the system's largest area, consisting of eighteen High Schools, six Military Academies High Schools and 45 JROTC programs; and

WHEREAS, Prior to joining Chicago Public Schools in July 2001, Rick W. Mills served in the United States Army for 25 years and was assigned in various combat arms positions with the 101st Airborne Division, 82nd Airborne Division, 2nd Armored Division, 1st Cavalry Division, 4th Infantry Division, and the 16th Cavalry Regiment; and

WHEREAS, During his military career, Rick W. Mills received a Master of Arts in National Security Affairs from the Naval Postgraduate School and attended French Language Training at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California; and

WHEREAS, Rick W. Mills served as an Assistant Professor, Cultural and Political Geography, at the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York; and

WHEREAS, After completion of a one-year assignment in the United Nations in Israel, Rick W. Mills attended the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas and received a second Master of Arts in Business from Webster University; and

WHEREAS, Following a series of postings with the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colorado, Rick W. Mills was then assigned to U.S. Central Command where he served as the Program Officer for the countries of Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, and Oman; and

WHEREAS, Rick W. Mills subsequently commanded the 3d Squadron, 16th Cavalry Regiment, Fort Knox, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Rick W. Mills retired from active duty in 2001 as a Lieutenant Colonel; and

WHEREAS, Rick W. Mills' awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Army Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Ranger Tab and Parachutist Badge; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Rick W. Mills serve as an example to all; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this sixth day of July, 2011, do hereby congratulate Rick W. Mills on his new role and do hereby express our gratitude for his dedicated service on behalf of the Chicago Public Schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Rick W. Mills.

Alderman – 14<sup>th</sup> Ward