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SUBSTITUTE

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Chicago is a city of immigrants and, as such, is home to many people of Venezuelan descent, who support the right of the Venezuelan people to live freely and democratically, as guaranteed by the Venezuelan Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Since February 4, 2014, the people of Venezuela have been peacefully protesting in Caracas and throughout the country against the government and have been met continuously with disproportionate force in an effort to quash political dissent; and

WHEREAS, In keeping with well-established principles of representative democracy enshrined in the Venezuelan Constitution, it is important that the voices of all Venezuelans be heard and taken into account through the country's constitutional institutions, including freedom of speech and free and fair elections; and

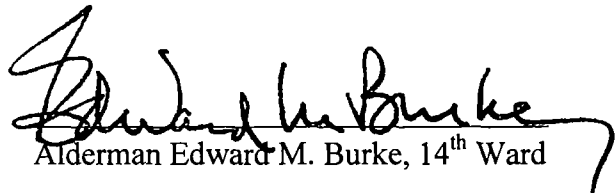
WHEREAS, In response to the escalating political crisis in Venezuela, a bipartisan resolution was introduced in the United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee, condemning the Venezuelan Government's repression of peaceful demonstrations, calling for full accountability for human rights violations, and supporting the right of the Venezuelan people to live freely and democratically; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twenty-eighth day of May, 2014, do hereby reaffirm our support for the people of Venezuela in their pursuit of the free exercise of representative democracy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to The Consulate of Venezuela in Chicago, as a sign of our support for the people of Venezuela at this critical juncture in their history.



Alderman Ariel E. Reboyras, 30th Ward



Alderman Edward M. Burke, 14th Ward



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May 28, 2014

To the President and Members of the City Council:

Your committee on Human Relations, for which a meeting was held May 20, 2014, having had under consideration a resolution introduced by Alderman Burke (14th), Alderman Solis (25th), calling on the Illinois General Assembly to adopt Senate Bill 977 to allow citizens whose predominate language is not English to serve on juries. This recommendation was concurred in a voice vote of all committee members present with no dissenting votes.

Your committee on Human Relations, for which a meeting was held May 20, 2014, having had under consideration a resolution introduced by Alderman Burke (14th), Alderman Reboyras (30th), to call on the U.S. Government to stand in solidarity with the people of Venezuela as they protest for democracy, human rights and freedom of speech. This recommendation was concurred in a voice vote of all committee members present with no dissenting votes.

Respectfully submitted,

Ariel E. Reboyras, Chairman
Committee on Human Relations