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Title:	Congratulations extended to Honorable Leon Panetta for contributions to our Nation and Retirement.
Committee(s) Assignment:	

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Honorable Leon Panetta has officially announced that he is stepping down as the 23rd Secretary of Defense for the United States of America; and

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

WHEREAS, The Honorable Leon Panetta began his esteemed tenure as Secretary of Defense on July 1, 2011, under President Barack Obama; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Leon Panetta oversaw our nation's formal military exit from Iraq and the start of the last drawdown of troops in Afghanistan as well as the conclusion of a NATO campaign to free Libya of the tyranny of dictator Moammar Gadhafi; and

WHEREAS, Under the leadership of the Honorable Leon Panetta, the United States moved to further weaken the leadership of al Qaeda and opened up opportunities for Americans to serve in the military, while supporting our wounded warriors and their families; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Leon Panetta was the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency from 2009 to 2011 and presided over the operation that led to the death of Osama bin Laden on May 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Leon Panetta served as White House Chief of Staff under President Bill Clinton from 1994 to 1999 and as Director of the Office of Budget and Management from 1993 to 1994; and

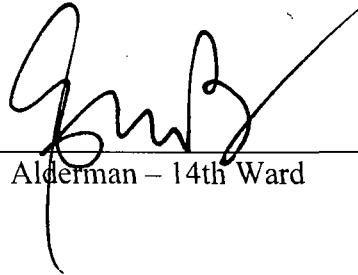
WHEREAS, The son of Italian immigrants, the Honorable Leon Panetta was raised in Monterey, California, and earned his law degree from Santa Clara University School of Law; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Leon Panetta served as a member of the United States House of Representatives from 1977 to 1993; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Leon Panetta will step down from his post in Washington, D.C. following more than four decades of able service to his country; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this thirteenth day of February, 2013, to hereby express our sincere appreciation to the Honorable Leon Panetta for his contributions to our nation and do hereby officially declare that February 14, 2013, shall be recognized as ***Leon Panetta Day*** throughout the City of Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable parchment copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable Leon Panetta.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. B. B.', is written over a horizontal line. Below the line, the text 'Alderman - 14th Ward' is printed.

Alderman - 14th Ward