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Resolution

Congratulations extended to Honorable Susan Sonderby

Committee(s) Assignment:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Honorable Susan Sonderby has announced her retirement as a Judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois following twenty-five years of dedicated service; and

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

WHEREAS, The Honorable Susan Sonderby was appointed to the federal bench in 1986 and earned a reputation as a widely admired member of the judiciary; and

WHEREAS, A native of Joliet, the Honorable Susan Sonderby was a trailblazing attorney who graduated from John Marshall Law School in 1973 when only nine percent of law school graduates nationwide were women; and

WHEREAS, Prior to her time on the bench, the Honorable Susan Sonderby served as Illinois' Assistant Attorney General for consumer protection where she battled consumer fraud and drafted legislation which included tougher consumer safeguards; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Susan Sonderby left Springfield in 1983 to become a U.S. trustee, supervising and administrating bankruptcy cases and receiving a Justice Department Achievement Award for turning the Chicago office into the nation's top such operation; and

WHEREAS, As a bankruptcy judge, the Honorable Susan Sonderby presided over nearly four thousand cases per year, projecting a professional, businesslike demeanor while also showing compassion to those who appear before her court; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this sixth day of June, 2012, do hereby congratulate the Honorable Susan Sonderby on her retirement and do hereby express our gratitude for her twenty-five years of public service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable Susan, Sonderby.

14th Ward

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