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Title: Congratulations extended to Thomas P. Sullivan on receiving Thurgood Marshall Award and declaration of August 1, 2015, as "Thomas P. Sullivan Day" in Chicago

Committee(s) Assignment:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The American Bar Association and the Section for Individual Rights and Responsibilities will present Thomas P. Sullivan with the 2015 *Thurgood Marshall Award* in Chicago on August 1, 2015; and

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

WHEREAS, Established in 1992, the award is named after the late Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall who was an iconic figure and forceful voice for the protection and advancement of individual rights in America; and

WHEREAS, The *Thurgood Marshall Award* is the only honor bestowed by the American Bar Association recognizing long-term contributions to the furtherance of civil rights, civil liberties and human rights; and

WHEREAS, Thomas P. Sullivan is a widely respected member of Chicago's legal community whose distinguished career as a criminal trial and appellate litigator has spanned more than 55 years; and

WHEREAS, Thomas P. Sullivan joined Jenner & Block in 1954 and has served at the firm throughout his career, except during his tenure as United States District Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois from 1977 to 1981; and

WHEREAS, In 2000 Thomas P. Sullivan was named Co-Chair of Illinois Governor George Ryan's Commission on Capital Punishment and the Illinois General Assembly's Capital Punishment Reform Study Committee; and

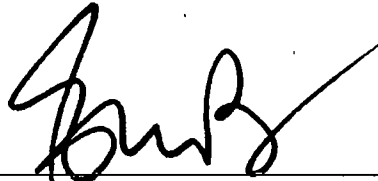
WHEREAS, The reports issued by those distinguished panels led to Governor Ryan's decision to clear death row in 2003 and Governor Pat Quinn's bill to abolish Illinois' death penalty in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Thomas P. Sullivan is also an author and lecturer on civil and criminal trial and appellate litigation; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Thomas P. Sullivan 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 seventeenth day of June, 2015, do hereby congratulate Thomas P. Sullivan on receiving this prestigious honor and do hereby declare that August 1, 2015, shall be officially recognized as **Thomas P. Sullivan Day** throughout the City of Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Thomas P. Sullivan.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. P. Sullivan', written over a horizontal line.

Alderman - 14th Ward