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<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

***In Commemoration of the LEED Council's 30th Anniversary***

WHEREAS, this month the Local Economic and Employment Development Council (LEED Council) is celebrating its 30th anniversary of serving as important advocates for environmentally sustainable economic development united with workforce development and job creation; and

WHEREAS, Donna Ducharme founded the LEED Council in 1982 and served as its first Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, LEED Council pioneered Planned Manufacturing Districts (PMDs) to maintain affordable industrial land and retain the local economic base. The Clybourn Corridor was first, followed by the Elston, Goose Island, and Chicago-Halsted PMDs. PMDs have been proven to attract and retain businesses and increase job growth; and

WHEREAS, since 2003, LEED Council has pursued sustainable development objectives and has assisted several businesses to voluntarily reduce their pollution emissions through strategies such as purchasing energy-efficient equipment and lighting, using low-VOC paints and cleaners, and promoting public transit for employees; and

WHEREAS, since 2005, LEED Council's leadership in convening and staffing the North River Corridor Infrastructure Task Force has resulted in significant public investment to mitigate traffic congestion, rebuild industrial streets and enhance the functionality of the Corridor; and

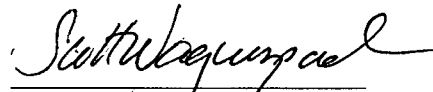
WHEREAS, in 2010, LEED Council assisted in the development of the Green Exchange in Logan Square, a new green business center. LEED Council offers below-market loans for tenants who hire low-income residents; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, LEED Council spearheaded Worklocal.org, a unique community jobs initiative, in collaboration with the City and neighborhood organizations; and

WHEREAS, LEED Council leadership and staff have served a vital role in industrial and manufacturing attraction and retention in the City of Chicago,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and members of the Chicago City Council, gathered here this twenty-seventh day of June, 2012, do hereby congratulate the LEED Council and extend our best wishes to their members and staff; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Mr. Ted Wysocki, President and CEO of the LEED Council.

  
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Scott Waguespack  
Alderman, 32nd Ward