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Title:	Congratulations extended to Graham Moore on winning Academy Award for Best Adapted Screenplay for film "The Imitation Game"
Committee(s) Assignment:	

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Long a center for the Arts, Chicago's rich literary history includes the names of legends such as Saul Bellows, Studs Terkel, Carl Sandberg, and Nelson Algren; and

WHEREAS, As a child, Chicago's native son Graham Moore grew up with aspirations of being a Hollywood writer, and practiced his Academy Awards acceptance speech in the mirror with a comb; and

WHEREAS, The young writer's dreams recently came true as Graham Moore won the Academy Award for Best Adapted Screenplay for his film "The Imitation Game," based on Andrew Hodges' book "Alan Turing: The Enigma; and

WHEREAS, "The Imitation Game" screenplay centers on Alan Turing, the brilliant British mathematician largely responsible for cracking the complex Enigma code used by the Germans in World War II to transmit strategic information; and

WHEREAS, Starring Benedict Cumberbatch and Keira Knightley, "The Imitation Game" gained critical acclaim and has taken in an impressive \$205 million worldwide at the box office; and

WHEREAS, Graham Moore is a self-professed computer nerd who went to space camp, and Alan Turing was a "legend, a heroic figure" with whom he found a kinship with; and

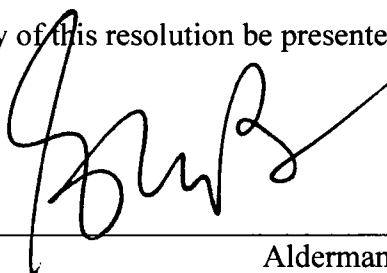
WHEREAS, Prior to writing his award winning screenplay, Graham Moore also wrote the 2010 novel "The Sherlockian," about Arthur Conan Doyle which tapped into his love of research and history and made it to the New York Times best-seller list; and

WHEREAS, Growing up in Lincoln Park, Graham Moore attended high school at the University of Chicago Lab School and went on to study at Columbia University during which time he became the arts editor of the Columbia Spectator, worked as a bike messenger and was a sound engineer at B.B. King's club; and

WHEREAS, Graham Moore's family includes his mother Susan Sher, the former chief of staff for first lady Michelle Obama, his father Gary Moore, a Chicago defense lawyer, and his stepfather Neil Cohen, a Cook County Circuit Court judge; and

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this eighteenth day of March, 2015, do hereby congratulate Graham Moore on the occasion of his remarkable success winning the Academy Award for Best Adapted Screenplay for his film "The Imitation Game,"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Graham Moore.



Alderman – 14th Ward