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A Resolution

*Adopted by The City Council
of the City of Chicago, Illinois*

WHEREAS, Leonard Jones has announced his retirement from the ACH Foods in Argo/Summit after 20 years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, Leonard was born in Widener, Arkansas to Amos and Ora Lee Jones and is the youngest of eight children. A child of the South during the 50's and 60s, Leonard excelled in high school football and served as a defensive linebacker for Anna M. Strong High School in Marianna, Arkansas. His love of sports led him to Northeastern Illinois University where he majored in Recreation Sports Studies; and

WHEREAS, Leonard married his high school classmate Doris Shears Daniels. Together they had two children, Leonard Carlos and Linette Carol. The family settled in Chicago, Illinois, as Leonard began a 41-year career with CPC International/Best Foods/ACH Foods, where he was employed as a Machine Operator. He has helped to produce many popular products such as Mazola Corn Oil and Argo Corn Starch; and

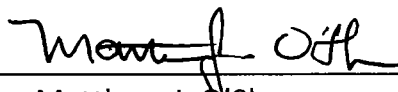
WHEREAS, Leonard and Doris instilled in their children a family promise: "We will always help those who want to help themselves and will encourage others to want to help themselves." To that end, he has been Doris' #1 supporter in her many non-profit/social service positions, initiatives, and projects. They have opened their home to many relatives and others to give them the support and encouragement they needed to become self-reliant. He is active in the Burnside Community Baptist Church as an usher. (Brother-in-Law Rev. Albert Shears is the pastor) and a proud resident of the Beverly /Morgan Park Community; and

WHEREAS, Leonard's life-long love of sports has been a continuing thread throughout his life. In 1981 he began coaching inner city little league with the OBEY baseball program. He also intensively studied the martial arts and has attained the rank of 4th-Degree black belt in karate. He has established and operated karate schools located in churches for over 25 years, sharing his skills and enthusiasm with youth across the city. Many of these children were homeless and resided in shelters and on the streets. He is the founder and head instructor of the Burnside Martial Arts Center; and

WHEREAS, Leonard retires and enters the next phase of his life, the constants remain: He is a deeply committed husband, father, Godfather and Child of God. His work teaching karate to children and volunteering in the community will continue and thrive.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and members of the Chicago City Council in council meeting of September 12, 2012, and on behalf of all the citizens of the City of Chicago, do hereby express our appreciation and heartfelt thanks to Leonard Jones and his family for the dedication, professionalism and personal sacrifice given throughout the past years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of the resolution be prepared and presented to Beverly/Morgan Park resident Leonard Jones.



Matthew J. O'Shea
Alderman, 19th Ward



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