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SALUTE TO SUSAN M BUCHANAN

WHEREAS, At the end of the Chicago Public Schools academic year, Susan M Buchanan, an outstanding educational leader and respected member of her community, will be retiring after more than three decades; and

WHEREAS, Susan M Buchanan has lived her entire life in the West Lawn Community. She attended Richard Lee Elementary School and Marie Sklodowska Curie Metropolitan High School. Susan attended Illinois State University and majored in Special Education; and

WHEREAS, Susan started her teaching career in 1988. In 1990, she began as a Special Education Teacher at Louis Pasteur Elementary School. She has held that position for the past thirty-one years. During her time at Louis Pasteur Elementary School, she served on the Local School Council and as a Delegate for the Chicago Teachers Union; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, Susan became a founding member of the Southwest Education Advisory Committee. The committee was instrumental in creating a new middle school on the southwest side. Susan spearheaded the campaign to name the school after Robert J Richardson, a local Korean War Veteran and ROTC instructor in the Chicago Public Schools. The Southwest Education Advisory Committee was instrumental in securing Sor Juana Elementary School, the first on the southwest side to offer a Classical and STEAM program; and

WHEREAS, Susan always had a strong interest in working with children with special needs. While attending high school, she started the first Brownie Troop of eight girls at Misericordia South. For three years, she spent every Wednesday evening with her Troop. In 2008, she reconnected with a former student who lives in a group home for adults with mental and physical disabilities; in 2010, Susan became her legal guardian; and

WHEREAS, Susan plans to visit Borneo, take road trips, and find volunteer opportunities in the community; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Marty Quinn, Alderman of the 13th Ward, has apprised this august body of Susan M Buchanan's auspicious milestone; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, gathered together this twenty-sixth Day of May, 2020, do hereby salute Susan M Buchanan upon the occasion of her retirement from a praiseworthy career as an exceptional leader in the vital field of education and extend our very best wishes for her success in any and all future endeavors she may wish to undertake.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Susan M Buchanan.



MARTY QUINN
Alderman - 13th Ward