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Title:	Congratulations extended to Ron Magers on retirement from WLS-Channel 7
Committee(s) Assignment:	

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ron Magers, a veteran broadcaster and top-rated newscaster, has announced his retirement as an anchor at WLS-Channel 7 Television in Chicago; and

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

WHEREAS, Born in San Bernardino, California, Magers grew up in Cordova, Alaska and Ellensburg, Washington; and

WHEREAS, Ron Magers began his long and illustrious professional career in 1965, when he joined KEZI-TV in Eugene, Oregon as a reporter and news contributor; and

WHEREAS, From 1968-74, Ron Magers worked as a reporter and anchor at KPIX-TV in San Francisco, California; and

WHEREAS, After moving to Minnesota, Magers served from 1974 to 1981 as principal anchor for KSTP-TV, the ABC affiliate in Minneapolis, Saint Paul; and

WHEREAS, From 1981 to 1997, Ron Magers co-anchored the 5, 6, and 10 p.m. newscasts of WMAQ-TV in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Ron Magers, along with then co-anchor Carol Marin made national headlines in 1997 when they quit Channel 5 in protest over the station's hiring of Jerry Springer as commentator for the 10:00 p.m. newscasts; and

WHEREAS, In 1998 Ron Magers joined WLS in 1998 as a 5:00 p.m. anchor alongside Diann Burns; and

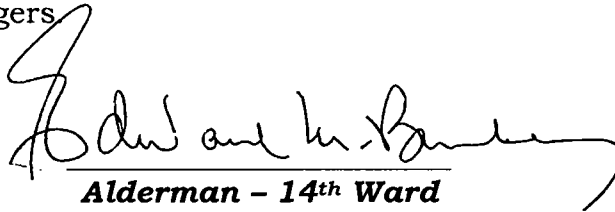
WHEREAS, In 2002, Ron Magers was named co-anchor of WLS-TV's 10:00 p.m. newscasts following the retirement of long-time anchor John Drury; and

WHEREAS, Ron Magers has been named the recipient of numerous prestigious awards, including six Chicago Emmy Awards, a Peter Lisagor Award, a National Press Club citation, an Associated Press award, an Illinois Broadcasters Association Award, the Ohio State Award and an Ethics Award bestowed by the Society of Professional Journalists; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Ron Magers 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 eighteenth day of May, 2016, do hereby congratulate Ron Magers on his highly acclaimed career in broadcasting and do hereby express our fondest and best wishes on the occasion of his retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Ron Magers



Alderman - 14th Ward