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Resolution Congratulating Thomas J. Hoberg on Retirement

WHEREAS, on the 29th day of April, 2014, Northeastern Illinois University celebrated the career and retirement of Professor Thomas J. Hoberg; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Margaret Laurino, Alderman of the 39th Ward, has apprised this august body of this occasion; and

WHEREAS, beginning his career in 1966, Professor Hoberg has held a teaching position at Northeastern Illinois University for almost five decades, teaching through an ever changing and evolving world; and

WHEREAS, Professor Hoberg has taught and enlightened thousands of students in during his career, developing in his students an appreciation for folklore, classical literature, and poetry; and

WHEREAS, known as a scholar and esteemed professor of English, Professor Hoberg was also known by his students as an approachable, friendly advisor, willing to lend advice on many different matters, and known for his "open door policy"; and

WHEREAS, Northeastern Illinois University is the most diverse university in the Midwest, including many non-traditional students and students of many varied backgrounds. Professor Hoberg will be remembered among the faculty as having a keen ability to connect personally with his students: eager to learn about their personal journey to higher education and their unique backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, by sharing his passion for folklore, the informal record of diverse and changing cultures, Thomas Hoberg helped prepare his students to deal with the tumultuous changes that would mark their lives: the ongoing challenge to racial segregation, the evolving role of women in contemporary society, the end of the Cold War, expanded immigration, and instantaneous communication; and

WHEREAS, although he will be missed by the students and faculty of the English Department at Northeastern Illinois University, his colleagues wish for him a happy retirement of relaxation, travel, and continued learning; now therefore,

BE IT RESVOLED, that we, the Mayor of the City of Chicago and members of the City Council, gathered this 30th Day of April, 2014, want to extend our sincerest thanks to Thomas J. Hoberg for the many contributions he has made during his career as an educator and mentor to many, and wish him continued success in his retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Professor Thomas J. Hoberg.

Margaret Laurino

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Alderman, 39th Ward

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