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MAYOR

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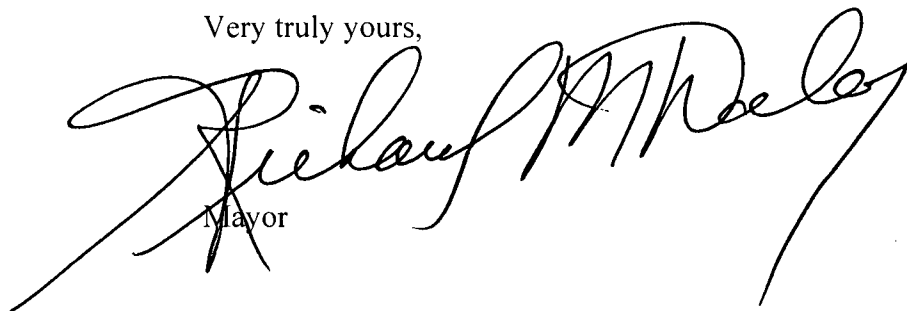
TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith a resolution regarding our departing friend and colleague, Alderman Schuler.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,



Mayor

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, The Members of this Chamber are proud to congratulate our friend and colleague, Alderman Eugene ("Gene") Schuler, on his thirty-six years of dedicated service to the people of the 47<sup>th</sup> Ward and the City of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Alderman Schuler is a lifelong resident of the North Side neighborhood he has served; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1975, at age 26, Alderman Schuler was elected to the Chicago City Council as one of the youngest aldermen ever to serve in this distinguished body; and

**WHEREAS**, A progressive leader, who believed in empowering his constituents to shape their own destiny through community meetings and regular interaction with their elected representative, Alderman Schuler worked tirelessly with neighborhood organizations and local business leaders to develop and fund programs to better the lives of his constituents; and

**WHEREAS**, Over the course of his storied political career, Alderman Schuler served as chairman of the City Council Committee on License and Consumer Protection; Committee on Parks and Recreation; Committee on Cable Television; and Committee on Historical Landmark Preservation. At various times, he also served as a member of the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations; Committee on Finance; Committee on Committees, Rules and Ethics; Committee on Traffic Control and Safety; and Committee on Zoning; and

**WHEREAS**, A respected and effective legislator, Alderman Schuler's many citywide accomplishments include spearheading the drive to streamline the City's business licensing process; securing passage of a comprehensive Landmark Ordinance to preserve and protect Chicago's historic buildings and works of art for future generations to enjoy; sponsoring the Landscape Ordinance to require greenery and trees in all new residential, commercial and industrial developments throughout the City; achieving greater community control of the City's parks through the creation of local park advisory councils; leading the effort to guarantee equitable city-wide cable service; and strengthening the Animal Care and Control Ordinance to ensure the welfare of abused and abandoned animals; and

**WHEREAS**, As a result of Alderman Schuler's many efforts to make the 47<sup>th</sup> Ward a community where families want to raise their children and long-time senior residents want to stay, the 47<sup>th</sup> Ward's boasting rights include the Sulzer Regional Library, the busiest library in Chicago; the Northeast Region Levy Center, Chicago's first senior citizen center; a revitalized and vibrant Lincoln Square Mall; the Ravenswood Industrial Corridor; the Old Town School of Folk Music; innumerable capital and operational improvements at each of the 47<sup>th</sup> Ward's public schools; new police, fire and court facilities; improved play lots for children in several local parks; and the creation of the Greening of Ravenswood Committee to ensure the continued beautification of the 47<sup>th</sup> Ward; and

**WHEREAS,** The quintessential public servant, Alderman Schuler is an active member of several civic, professional and fraternal organizations, including the Levy Senior Citizens Center Advisory Board; Sierra Club; National League of Cities; NLC Leadership Training Institute; Greening of Ravenswood Committee; Saint Benedict's High School Advisory Council; and the Neighborhood Boys & Girls Community Leadership Council. Alderman Schuler has also served as Committeeman of the 47<sup>th</sup> Ward Democratic Party; and

**WHEREAS,** Alderman Schuler's unique blend of talent, intellect, sound judgement and cooperative spirit will be sorely missed by his colleagues in the Chicago City Council; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED,** That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this fourth day of May, 2011, do hereby extend to Alderman Eugene ("Gene") Schuler our heartfelt gratitude and thanks for his many years of exceptional service to the people of Chicago, and our best wishes for continued success in all of his future endeavors; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Alderman Eugene ("Gene") Schuler as a token of our appreciation and esteem.