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## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, After eighteen years of dedicated public service, Mary Dempsey has stepped down as Commissioner of the Chicago Public Library system; and

**WHEREAS**, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this fact by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

**WHEREAS**, Appointed in 1994 by Mayor Richard M. Daley, Mary Dempsey received national recognition for rejuvenating the Chicago Public Library system; and

**WHEREAS**, During her highly distinguished tenure with the Chicago Public Library, Mary Dempsey created a strategic plan to tackle the institution's weak book collection and outdated technology system; and

**WHEREAS**, Under the leadership of Mary Dempsey, forty-four library branches were built and many others renovated, expanding literary opportunities in countless Chicago neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Dempsey was responsible for many library innovations, including the creation of YOUmedia - a technology-based learning center which allows teens to access thousands of books via computer; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Dempsey made it her mission to show Chicagoans all that their neighborhood libraries had to offer in the 21<sup>st</sup> century; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this fifteenth day of February, 2012, do hereby express our appreciation to Mary Dempsey for creating a public library system which contains the resources and technology necessary for success in the new millennium; and

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,*** That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Mary Dempsey.

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***Alderman - 14<sup>th</sup> Ward***