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Resolution

Congratulations extended to Neomi Hernandez on retirement

Committee(s) Assignment:

City Council Meeting January 15, 2014

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, After 30 years of public service in local and state government, Neomi Hernandez is retiring on January 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Neomi was born in Chicago, Illinois, and is an alumna of DePaul University with a Bachelor's of Science in Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Neomi began her service in City government when she interned in the City of Chicago's Department of Personnel from 1984 to 1986 where she administered the written exam for Chicago Police Officers and Sergeants and administered physical testing for potential fire fighter candidates for the Fire Department's Training Academy; and

WHEREAS, From 1986 to 1993, Neomi worked in the Cook County State's Attorney's Office; and

WHEREAS, From 1993 to 1994, Neomi worked in the Crime Victim's Division of the Illinois Attorney General's Office; and

WHEREAS, Neomi worked with the Cook County Board of Commissioners from 1994 to 1997; and

WHEREAS, In 1998, Neomi worked as in Investigator with the Chicago Police Department's Office of Professional Standards and then went on to her current position as Investigator with the City's Independent Police Review Authority; and

WHEREAS, In addition to Neomi's demanding career, she still found time to volunteer as a Judge of Election for the City of Chicago, voter registrar in the Puerto Rican Community through the Program ATREVETE, a deputy registrar and election day investigator with the City of Chicago's Board of Elections, and deputy registrar with the Cook County Board of Elections; and

WHEREAS, Neomi also devoted her time to lobbying with MALDEF for redistricting at Congressional, County and Judicial levels; and

WHEREAS, Neomi served as a Democratic electoral delegate representing the Puerto Rican Community for the City of Chicago and State of Illinois during the convention that nominated Clinton/Gore in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Neomi has volunteered with many elected officials over the years including Senator Garcia, Senator DelValle and Congressman Gutierrez in the citizenship immigration workshop, with Congressman Gutierrez in his family petition workshop/immigration, in addition to various mayoral, aldermanic, and gubernatorial campaigns; and

WHEREAS, Neomi is proud to be a member of various community organizations including, Puerto Rican Lioness Club, Puerto Rican Lions Club, SACC-Spanish Action Committee of Chicago, Puerto Rico United in Action (P.R.U.A.), and Latin United Community Housing Association (L.U.C.H.A.); and

WHEREAS, To celebrate Neomi 's illustrious career, she will be recognized at a retirement party in her honor on January 31, 2014, at the Output Lounge and Sports Bar on Grand Avenue; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor of the City of Chicago and Members of the City Council, gathered in a meeting this 15th day of January, 2014, do hereby extend our sincere appreciation to Neomi for her many years of dedication and service in government and offer our congratulations and best wishes to her as she enjoys retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Neomi Hernandez.

Patrick J. O'Connor, Alderman – 40th Ward