



# City of Chicago



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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	4/13/2016
<b>Sponsor(s):</b>	Burke (14)
<b>Type:</b>	Resolution
<b>Title:</b>	Congratulations extended to Gale E. Klappa on retirement as chief executive officer of WEC Energy Group, Inc.
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

**WHEREAS**, Gale E. Klappa, has announced his upcoming retirement May 1, 2016 as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of WEC Energy Group, one of the nation's premier energy companies, serving 4.4. million electric and natural gas customers in Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota; and

**WHEREAS**, WEC Energy Group, is the parent corporation of Peoples Gas, the sole supplier of natural gas to the residents of the City of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has been informed of this event by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

**WHEREAS**, Gale E. Klappa graduated cum laude from the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee (UWM) with a bachelor's degree in Mass Communications; and

**WHEREAS**, Gale E. Klappa began his career at Georgia Power Company and worked in several leadership roles at the Southern Company; and

**WHEREAS**, Gale E. Klappa joined Wisconsin Energy Corporation in 2003 as its president and joined the board of directors later that year; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2012 Electric Light & Power magazine named Klappa CEO of the Year, and Corporate Responsibility magazine named him Responsible CEO of the Year for his commitment to transparency, accountability and customer satisfaction, and in 2013 he was named 2013 Wisconsin Business Leader of the Year by the Harvard Business School Club of Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS**, Gale E. Klappa has been named to Institutional Investor magazine's All-American Executive Team for the sixth consecutive year, and he was ranked as the best CEO of a purely regulated utility; and

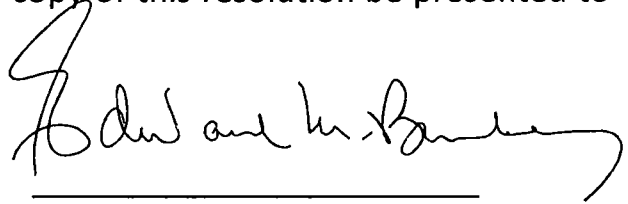
**WHEREAS**, Gale E. Klappa serves on several for-profit board of directors and has volunteered his time on several nonprofit board of directors including the United Way and the United Performing Arts Fund, to name a few; and

**WHEREAS**, Gale E. Klappa will retire as CEO of WEC Energy Group, Inc., and assume the role of nonexecutive chairman of WEC Energy Group; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this thirteenth day of April, 2016, do hereby congratulate Gale

E. Klappa on the occasion of his retirement and do hereby recognize his many important contributions to the residents of the City of Chicago over his long and distinguished career; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Gale E. Klappa.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward M. Burke", written over a horizontal line.

Edward M. Burke  
Alderman, 14<sup>th</sup> Ward