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Committee(s) Assignment:

SALUTE TO HERMAN ESCOBAR

WHEREAS, Herman Escobar, an outstanding educational leader and beloved member of the Hermosa community, is retiring as principal of William Penn Nixon Elementary School after more than three decades of exemplary service to the Chicago Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Located on North Keeler Avenue, Nixon Elementary has 1,060 students, 95 percent of whom come from Hispanic families with 41% classified as Limited English Proficient, having arrived recently from places such as Mexico and Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, Herman Escobar has spent his entire career at Nixon School, a remarkable achievement and testament to his abiding loyalty to and affection for its students and faculty. After graduating from Illinois State University in May of 1979, he started at the school as an eighth grade teacher of mathematics, as well as instructing 6th, 7th & 8th grade bilingual classes; and

WHEREAS, Herman Escobar became the Bilingual Coordinator and Disciplinarian of Nixon, earning his Masters of Science in Administration and Supervision as well as Bilingual/Bicultural Education from Chicago State University in 1986. At the age of 33, he became acting Principal and, two years later, he was appointed as Principal, serving in that capacity for almost two decades; and

WHEREAS, The enduring legacy of Herman Escobar's stewardship at Nixon is evidenced by its many students who have consistently increased their ISAT scores, going on to become high school and college graduates as well as full-functioning, well-respected members of the community. He has even hired the several former students to teach at Nixon along with the majority of the current staff; and


WHEREAS, By building lasting community relationships, Herman Escobar established numerous enrichment programs for Nixon students, such as Family Focus, Sports Camp, and Girl's on the Run in addition to a children's choir and band. He has worked with the Alderman, community members, and Chicago Public Schools departments to facilitate the successful construction of the annex buildings at Funston, Mozart and Nixon to relieve overcrowding and refurbished Nixon's main and annex libraries, adding more than 10,000 new titles, as well as furnishing classroom libraries for all classrooms; and


WHEREAS, For almost 20 years, Herman Escobar has been an active member of the Chicago Principal and Administrators Association. He has served as the President of the association's Auxiliary III for the past decade, representing the concerns of more than 40 principals to its governing board; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Ray Suarez, Vice-Mayor and Alderman of the 31st Ward and the Honorable Ariel E. Reboyras, Alderman of the 30th Ward have apprised this august body of the significant milestone achieved by this noteworthy educator; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, gathered together this 6th Day of June, 2012 AD, do hereby salute Herman Escobar for 33 years of preeminent service to the students, families and faculty of the William Penn Nixon Elementary School as well as the Chicago Public Schools and extend our very best wishes for success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Herman Escobar.


RAY SUAREZ
Alderman – 31st Ward


ARIEL E. REBOYRAS
Alderman – 30th Ward