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Title:	Congratulations extended to Rick Panek on retirement from HSBC
Committee(s) Assignment:	

WHEREAS, Rick Panek was born in Chicago and lived on the southwest side until he was 33 years old. He has been living in Lemont, Illinois with his wife, Jody, son, Erik, and daughter, Lauren since 1989; and,

WHEREAS, Rick Panek is of polish decent and was the youngest of his family born to Stella and John Panek. He had an older brother, John, who lost his battle with cancer at the young age of 28. His older sister, Rosemarie, lives nearby with her husband, Tom, and daughter, Amanda; and,

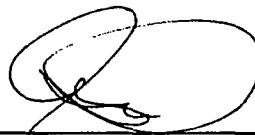
WHEREAS, Rick attended St. Turibius Catholic School, Quigley South and the University of Illinois at Chicago where he earned his bachelor's degree in physical education. He played on the baseball team and had an undefeated season as the team's pitcher during his senior year. Rick's goal was to teach physical education but he took a different direction and started working for Household Finance. He managed many HFC offices and has recently retired from HSBC, the company that bought out HFC. Rick worked for the company for 35 years; and,

WHEREAS, Rick started coaching his son Erik's little league team in Lemont when Erik was 7 years old. As some of the players developed and honed their skills under Rick's direction, he realized he had quite a talented group. He started and organized the first travel baseball team in Lemont, the Lemont Indians Traveling Baseball Club. The club still exists for 8-16 year old boys. Rick has been the pitching coach for the Lemont High School varsity team for the past 13 years. He is also a pitching coach for the Lombard Lightning 18U travel baseball team; and,

WHEREAS, Rick didn't ignore the talents of his daughter, Lauren. He taught her how to shoot 3 pointers and guided her travel basketball team to multiple championships. He enjoyed watching both of his children play at the collegiate level, both earning college scholarships playing baseball and softball. Rick organizes the Les Miller Memorial Golf Outing with his college teammates from UIC and hopes to improve his golf skills now that he is retired and officially a man of leisure. He enjoys getting together with his college friends and keeps in touch with them often; and now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled here on the fifth day of March, 2014 A.D., do hereby extend our blessings for good health and best wishes to Rick Panek on his retirement; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Rick Panek.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ariel E. Reboyras', written over a horizontal line.

Ariel E. Reboyras
Alderman, 30th Ward