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<b>Title:</b>	Congratulations extended to Honorable Abner J. Mikva on 90th birthday
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** The Honorable Abner J. Mikva celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday at a special luncheon held on Saturday, February 6, 2016; and

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

**WHEREAS,** The Honorable Abner Mikva is a retired federal judge and a former five-term Democratic Congressman from Illinois; and

**WHEREAS,** Born on January 21, 1926, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the Honorable Abner Mikva graduated from the University of Chicago Law School and clerked for Supreme Court Justice Sherman Minton; and

**WHEREAS,** The Honorable Abner J. Mikva served in the Illinois House of Representatives before representing Illinois' 2<sup>nd</sup> District in Congress from 1969 to 1973 and the 10<sup>th</sup> District from 1975 to 1979; and

**WHEREAS,** The Honorable Abner J. Mikva left Congress in 1979 to become a member of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals where he served for 15 years, the last four as Chief Judge; and

**WHEREAS,** The Honorable Abner J. Mikva was later White House Counsel to President Bill Clinton; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1997, along with his wife, Zoe, the Honorable Abner Mikva launched The Mikva Challenge which the couple consider their greatest achievement; and

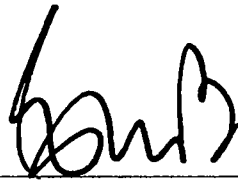
**WHEREAS,** The Mikva Challenge is a leadership program which involves Chicago youth in civic activities, such as working as election judges, volunteering on campaigns and interning in government offices; and

**WHEREAS,** In recognition of his many achievements, President Barack Obama bestowed *The Presidential Medal of Freedom* on the Honorable Abner J. Mikva at a White House ceremony in 2014; and

**WHEREAS,** The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of the Honorable Abner Mikva serve as an example to all; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this tenth day of February, 2016, do hereby congratulate the Honorable Abner J. Mikva on the occasion of his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday and do hereby declare that February 10, 2016, shall be officially recognized as *Abner Mikva Day* throughout the City of Chicago; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable Abner J. Mikva.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Alderman', written over a horizontal line.

***Alderman – 14<sup>th</sup> Ward***