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Congratulations extended to Spencer Leak, Sr. on 85th birthday

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

LORI E. LIGHTFOOT  
MAYOR

April 27, 2022

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith, together with Aldermen Osterman, Hopkins, Coleman, Taliaferro, Dowell, Ramirez-Rosa, Sigcho-Lopez, Sadlowski-Garza, Vasquez, Quinn, Reboyras, Hadden, King, Rodriguez, Mitts, Hairston and Ervin, a resolution congratulating Spencer Leak, Sr. on his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lori E. Lightfoot". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lori" being the most prominent.  
Mayor

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, In recognition of his public service, civil rights advocacy, and appreciation of his tireless work bringing comfort to community members in their times of need, the Members of this Chamber are pleased to congratulate Spencer Leak, Sr., on the occasion of his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Leak, Sr. was born on April 15, 1937, to pioneering Chicago mortician A.R. Leak, and grew up with his three brothers near 37<sup>th</sup> Street and State Street; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Leak, Sr. graduated from Hyde Park High School in 1956; and

**WHEREAS**, After joining the US Army in 1960, Mr. Leak, Sr. was stationed in West Germany; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1964, Mr. Leak, Sr. joined 10,000 activists led by his father and Reverend Clay Evans to protest the racially segregated Oak Woods Cemetery; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Leak, Sr. became president and funeral director of Leak and Sons Funeral Chapel in 1970, assuming a major role in running the family business; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Leak, Sr. returned to school, earning his B.S. degree from Daniel Hale Williams College in 1979 and his M.S. degree in criminal justice from Chicago State University in 1981; and

**WHEREAS**, Upon completing his high education, Mr. Leak, Sr. dedicated his time to public service; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Leak, Sr. served as Consumer Affairs Chief for the Illinois Attorney General; Executive Director for the Cook County Department of Corrections; Deputy Chief Inspector-General for the Illinois Secretary of State; Manager for Illinois Vehicle Services; Deputy Director for District 1 of the Illinois Department of Corrections; and Commissioner of the Illinois Human Rights Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Since 1993, Mr. Leak, Sr. has served as President and CEO of Leak and Sons Funeral Home, where he has served innumerable members of the community in preparing memorial services with empathy, reverence, and dedication; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twenty-seventh day of April, 2022, do hereby congratulate Spencer Leak, Sr. on the occasion of his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday; express to him our heartfelt gratitude for his exemplary service to the residents of our great City; and extend to him our best wishes for continued health, happiness, prosperity, and success; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Spencer Leak, Sr. as a sign of our appreciation and esteem.