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Title:	Congratulations extended to Deputy Chief Bruce M. Rottner
Committee(s) Assignment:	

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, After 39 years with the Chicago Police Department, Deputy Chief Bruce M. Rottner retired on July 15, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Bruce was raised on the north side of Chicago and attended Clinton Grammar School, Mather Park High School, and graduated from Northeastern Illinois University in 1970; and

WHEREAS, Bruce was sworn in as a Chicago Police Officer on April 3, 1972 and was assigned to the 20th District where he worked a beat car and was on the tactical team; and

WHEREAS, In 1979, Bruce was one of the charter officers assigned to the new 24th District in Rogers Park on Clark Street where he worked as a beat and Neighborhood Relations Officer until his promotion to Sergeant in 1988; and

WHEREAS, He was assigned as a beat sergeant in the Jefferson Park 16th District from 1988 until 1990 when he was transferred back to the 24th District in the role of Neighborhood Relations Sergeant until 2000, having met thousands of community members and attending hundreds of community meetings along the way and Bruce was on the “ground floor” when during this time the 24th District was chosen as one of five prototype districts to roll out the Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy (CAPS) in the city; and

WHEREAS, In early 2001, Bruce was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and assigned to the 12th District and then assigned to the 17th District in Albany Park as the CAPS Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, In late 2001, Bruce served as administrative lieutenant in the CAPS Project Office and shortly thereafter was assigned as a Department Inspector, insuring that the policies of the Superintendent of Police were carried out by all members of the Department; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, Bruce was promoted to the rank of Captain and assigned as the midnight Watch Commander in the 23rd Town Hall District; and

WHEREAS, In March 2005, Bruce felt like he was going home when he was promoted to Commander of the 24th District, having spent 19 prior years during his career at the district as a patrol officer and sergeant, and where he remained as Commander until

2008 when he was promoted to Deputy Chief for Area 3 Patrol and was responsible for four police districts – the 19th, 20th, 23rd and 24th; and

WHEREAS, Bruce received many awards and commendations over the years but is most proud of receiving the Superintendent's Award of Merit for developing a crime prevention program for hearing impaired children; and

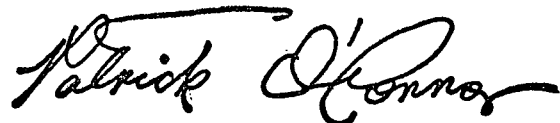
WHEREAS, Every step along Bruce's illustrious career, his wife of 39 years, Jackie, accompanied him and he values the love and support she has given to him over the years and that of his daughter Courtney and her husband Jeff, and his daughter Jennifer; and

WHEREAS, Bruce has devoted a great deal of his time to the Shomrim Society of Illinois, an organization of law enforcement officers of the Jewish faith, where he served as President three times and where in 2005 he was honored as their "Man of the Year" and where Bruce remains an active member and hopes to devote more time to the organization in retirement; and

WHEREAS, Also in retirement, Bruce hopes to devote more time to his love of music, of which he's been a huge fan since attending the Woodstock music festival in 1969; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor of the City of Chicago and members of the City Council, gathered in a meeting this 8th day of September, 2011, A.D., do hereby extend our sincere appreciation to Bruce for his years of service to our City and offer our congratulations and best wishes to Bruce Rottner and his family as he enjoys retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Bruce M. Rottner.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Patrick O'Connor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Patrick J. O'Connor – Alderman, 40th Ward