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Committee(s) Assignment:

GRATITUDE EXTENDED TO POLICE SERGEANT BERNADETTE HEELAN
FOR DEDICATED SERVICE TO CITY OF CHICAGO

WHEREAS, Chicago Police Sergeant Bernadette Heelan announced her retirement after more than 24 years of outstanding public service; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of his retirement by the Honorable Toni Foulkes, Alderman of the 15th Ward; and

WHEREAS, In this city of immigrants, this city of neighborhoods, this most American of all cities are particularly cognizant of the "American Dream"; and

WHEREAS, Of the myriad available career paths toward fulfillment of that Dream, there are but a few through which faithful execution of responsibilities offers simultaneous assurance that those who choose other paths will in fact have a legitimate opportunity to achieve their portion of the "American Dream"; and

WHEREAS, Though seemingly fixed and inviolable, the complex social fabric of our great metropolis could be easily torn asunder were it not for the guardians of the public welfare, indeed, the guardians of the "American Dream"; and

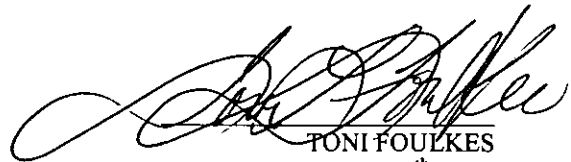
WHEREAS, Dedication to and fulfillment of the motto of the Chicago Police Department "We Serve and Protect" exacts a substantial physical and emotional toll not only on the officers who must daily cope with the stress and danger of being life's arbiter for countless citizens, but also on the family members who live with the knowledge that their spouse, parent or child may never return from any given workday; and

WHEREAS, Through professionalism and sacrifice, the members of the Chicago Police Department have provided us with one of the safest cities in the United States, allowing each of us to pursue our own version of the "American Dream" in safety and confidence; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Bernadette Heelan has devoted twenty-four years of her life in service to the people of Chicago and in so doing has personally ensured that the City of Chicago is the safe, healthy, vibrant community it is today; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here in assembly, that on behalf of all the citizens of the City of Chicago, we do hereby express our appreciation and heartfelt thanks to Sergeant Bernadette Heelan Vance for the dedication, professionalism and personal sacrifice provided throughout the past twenty-four years.

Be It Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Sergeant Bernadette Heelan.


TONI FOULKES
Alderman- 15th Ward

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