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Congratulations extended to Richard E. Guerin

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## SALUTE TO RICHARD E. GUERIN

WHEREAS, At the end of the St. Bede the Venerable parochial school year, Richard E. Guerin, an outstanding educational leader and respected member of his community, will be retiring after more than three decades; and

WHEREAS, For the past 37 years, Richard E. Guerin has implemented his vision of a school that engages and nurtures every pupil. As a principal, the tone he has set is inviting, enriching and vital. He motivates his teachers and students to excel as well as stay in communication with parents and community members. He has taken many teachers under his wing, seven of which are now principals within the Archdiocese of Chicago. He has always been at the focal point in the times of joy and success shared by the community. Prior to his extraordinary career as a principal, he was the Director of Religious Education at Christ the King in Chicago and St. Mary in Lake Forest; and

WHEREAS, As an educator, Richard Guerin has garnered numerous awards, notably the National Distinguished Principal award presented to him in Washington, D.C. in October of 2005, the Distinguished Alumni Award from St. Xavier University, the prestigious Sister Dorothy Mairie Peschon Award for 2009, the Legislative Action Person of the Year award from the Catholic Conference for Illinois and, in 1985, he was the McGuire Educator of the Year

WHEREAS, As a leader, Richard Guerin serves in a number of capacities. He is a member of the Office of Catholic Schools Improvement Team as well as a Principal Mentor for Archdiocese of Catholic Schools and serves on the St. Xavier Advisory Board for Early Childhood for the department of Teacher and Graduate Education; and

WHEREAS, Richard E. Guerin is also an active member of his community. He is on the Village of Clarendon Hills Library and Park Board, serves as a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, and fundraiser for Misericordia & Mercy Homes as well as being Program Director for WORDS CAN HEAL; and

WHEREAS, Richard E. Guerin lives in the southern suburb of Clarendon Hills with his wife of 41 years, Eileen. They have three married children and eight grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Marty Quinn, Alderman of the 13<sup>th</sup> Ward, has apprised this august body of Richard Guerin's auspicious milestone; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, gathered together this 18th Day of April, 2012 AD, do hereby salute the Richard E. Guerin upon the occasion of his retirement from a praiseworthy career as an exceptional leader in the vital field of education and extend our very best wishes for his success in any and all future endeavors he may wish to undertake.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Richard E Guerin.

Alderman  $-13^{th}$  Ward