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SALUTE TO MISS ILLINOIS USA

WHEREAS, On November 20, 2011 the honor of Miss Illinois USA 2012, was bestowed on Ashley Hooks at the conclusion of the Miss Illinois USA pageant that took place at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place; and

WHEREAS, Ashley Hooks was raised in the south suburbs of Chicago as one of the two daughters of Debra Hooks, an educational administrator and the Honorable William Hooks, a Cook County Circuit Court judge and retired Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Marine Corps. At a young age, she showed an eagerness to learn and was determined to be as successful as her parents. She attended Longwood Elementary School, Infant Jesus of Prague Junior High School and Homewood Flossmoor high school where she exhibited excellence in English and Fine Arts through her participation in contests for photography, writing, and academics. She was also involved in many other extracurricular activities such as radio broadcasting along with playing six sports and several musical instruments; and

WHEREAS, As a presidential scholar at the University of Illinois, Ashley Hooks was engaged in a number of community and social actions such as East St. Louis Action Research Project. She served as event and sponsorship coordinator for an annual charity fashion show for the Julianna Timm Children's Fund as well as a shelter for victims of domestic violence. What free time she had left was devoted to modeling; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduating from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana with a Bachelor of Arts in Urban Planning, Ashley Hooks moved to Albany, New York where she worked as a community organizer with Citizen Action of New York. This allowed her to be involved in many issue-oriented and political campaigns. In her leisure time, she volunteered with Equinox, an after-school program for inner city youth in Albany. In September of 2009, she returned to Chicago to manage her father's successful judicial campaign during the February 2010 primaries and the subsequent November 2010 general election; and

WHEREAS, Even with the busy life she leads, Ashley Hooks can still find time to volunteer within her community for organizations and causes such Goodcity Chicago, Hales Franciscan High School, Chicago Cares. Additionally, she enjoys running 5K races in support of various charities. The Miss Illinois USA title has allowed her to be even more intensely involved in activities to increase awareness for local and national issues and lobby legislatures on behalf of those less fortunate citizens throughout Illinois. As Miss Illinois she will be representing the state in the Miss USA 2012 pageant; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Willie B. Cochran, Alderman of the 20th Ward has apprized this august body of the significant civic contribution being made by this extraordinarily multi-talented and pulchritudinous reigning Miss Illinois USA; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, gathered together this 9th Day of May, 2012 AD, do hereby salute Ashley Hooks as Miss Illinois USA 2012 and extend our very best wishes for her continuing success in the upcoming Miss USA 2012 contest as well as every endeavor she may undertake in her very bright future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Miss Illinois USA 2012, Ashley Hooks.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Willie B. Cochran", written over a horizontal line.

WILLIE B. COCHRAN

Alderman – 20th Ward