



# City of Chicago



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Resolution

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Congratulations extended to Honorable Abner J. Mikva on receipt of Presidential Medal of Freedom

**Committee(s) Assignment:**

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, President Barack Obama will bestow *The Presidential Medal of Freedom* on the Honorable Abner J. Mikva at a White House ceremony on November 24, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this event by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Abner Mikva is a retired federal judge and a former five-term Democratic Congressman from Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Abner Mikva will receive America's highest civilian honor in recognition of his contributions to United States security, world peace and culture; and

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Abner J. Mikva served in the Illinois House of Representatives before representing Illinois' 2<sup>nd</sup> District in Congress from 1969 to 1973 and the 10<sup>th</sup> District from 1975 to 1979; and

**WHEREAS**, A native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the Honorable Abner Mikva graduated from the University of Chicago Law School; and

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Abner J. Mikva left Congress in 1979 to become a member of the D.C. Court of Appeals where he served until 1994; and

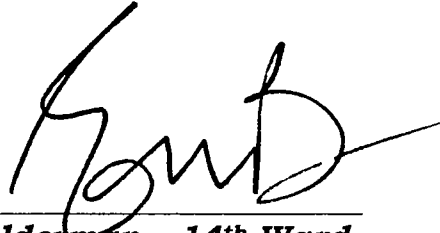
**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Abner J. Mikva was later White House Counsel to President Bill Clinton; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1997, along with his wife, Zoe, the Honorable Abner Mikva launched The Mikva Challenge, a leadership program which involves Chicago youth in civic activities, such as working as election judges, volunteering on campaigns and interning in government offices; and

**WHEREAS**, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of the Honorable Abner Mikva serve as an example to all; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this nineteenth day of November, 2014, do hereby congratulate the Honorable Abner J. Mikva on being named a recipient of the *Presidential Medal of Freedom*; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable Abner J. Mikva.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Abner J. Mikva', written over a horizontal line.

**Alderman - 14<sup>th</sup> Ward**