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Title: Welcome extended to Hillel Neuer, Executive Director of UN Watch and recognition of September 15, 2016 as "Hillel Neuer Day" in Chicago

Committee(s) Assignment:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Hillel Neuer, the Executive Director of UN Watch, will be the keynote speaker at the 116th Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation to be held at the Hyatt Regency Chicago on Thursday, September 15, 2016; and

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

WHEREAS, UN Watch is a non-governmental organization based in Geneva, Switzerland that monitors the United Nations, fights bias against the State of Israel and promotes human rights; and

WHEREAS, The *Tribune de Geneve* has described Hillel Neuer as a human rights activist who is “feared and dreaded” by the world’s dictatorships; and

WHEREAS, In his role as one of the world’s foremost human rights advocates, Hillel Neuer has drawn global attention to both atrocities and injustice; and

WHEREAS, An internationally renowned speaker who has testified before the United Nations and the United States Congress, Hillel Neuer has intervened in causes that include rape cases in Darfur, political prisoners in Cuba and peace in the Middle East; and

WHEREAS, Prior to joining UN Watch, Hillel Neuer was a lawyer with the international law firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison; and

WHEREAS, A native of Montreal, Canada, Hillel Neuer holds four degrees in law and politics, including a master’s degree from Hebrew University, and is a member of the New York Bar; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Hillel Neuer 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 fourteenth day of September, 2016, do hereby welcome Hillel Neuer to the City of Chicago and do hereby recognize his contributions to promote peace, justice and human rights around the world; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Thursday, September 15, 2016, shall be officially recognized as Hillel Neuer Day throughout the City of Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Hillel Neuer, the Executive Director of UN Watch.

Alderman - 14th Ward