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CITY OF CHICAGO

LORI E. LIGHTFOOT MAYOR

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TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF CHICAGO

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith, together with Aldermen Coleman, Martin, Silverstein, Quinn, Harris, Tunney, Brookins, Cardona, Dowell, Hadden, Mitts, King, Austin, Reilly, Napolitano, Sposato, Scott, Rodriguez, Smith, Garza, Lopez, Hairston, Nugent, Burke, Sawyer, Cappleman, Mitchell, Burnett, Ervin, Thompson, Cardenas, Maldonado, Moore and O'Shea, a resolution congratulating Randy Conner upon his retirement from the City of Chicago.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Members of this Chamber are pleased to honor Randy Conner, Commissioner of Water Management, on the occasion of his retirement after a career with the City filled with accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Conner, a lifelong resident of the West Pullman neighborhood, comes from a family traditionally oriented to public service through City employment. Mr. Conner is the son of the late Alfonzo "Bear" Conner, a cement finisher foreman with the Chicago Department of Transportation ("CDOT"), and is the nephew of the late Al Conner, who was a former deputy commissioner of CDOT in the Bureau of Streets; and

WHEREAS, Beginning what would be 25 years of service to the City, Mr. Conner started in CDOT as an Engineering Technician IV; and

WHEREAS, Employing top-notch skills and an exemplary work ethic, Randy Conner worked his way up to the positions of First Deputy Commissioner in both CDOT and in the Department of Streets and Sanitation; and

WHEREAS, He was appointed by Mayor Rahm Emanuel to Commissioner of the Department of Water Management in June 2017 and asked to stay on as commissioner by Mayor Lori Lightfoot; and

WHEREAS, As Commissioner, Randy Conner tirelessly worked to upgrade the City's water distribution infrastructure, overseeing a system that includes over 4,300 miles of water mains, 4,450 miles of sewer mains, and two of the world's largest water treatment facilities; and

WHEREAS, He managed over 2,100 employees and an operating budget of over \$1 billion and a capital budget of over \$750 million annually, which allowed the delivery of high-quality drinking water to more than 40% of Illinois's residents daily; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Conner will be remembered as an effective, team-oriented, hard-working and dedicated leader and colleague; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twenty-sixth day of May 2021, do hereby congratulate Randy Conner on his retirement, express our gratitude for his years of distinguished public service to the City of Chicago, and extend to him our very best wishes for his happiness and continued success; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. Randy Conner as a token of our appreciation and esteem.