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Resolution Congratulating Frank T. Libby on Retirement

WHEREAS, President and Executive-Secretary Frank Libby announced his retirement effective June 1, 2018. Mr. Libby gave 42 years of service as a proud member and champion for the brothers and sisters of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters. As a member of Local 10, Mr. Libby provided leadership to his local for 38 years during which time he served as warden, recording secretary, business representative and financial secretary-treasurer. He also served as the local's president for 24 years ending June 30, 2018, fulfilling his term.; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Marty Quinn, Alderman of the 13th Ward, has apprised this august body of this occasion; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his career Mr. Libby has held various positions within the union, previously serving as business representative, assistant to the president and second vice president of the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters. In 2008 Mr. Libby became the 24th president/executive secretary-treasurer (EST) of the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters, which represents members in 72 counties throughout Illinois and Eastern Iowa. Since its inception in 1881 the Carpenters union has been a driving force in bringing skilled men and women to the construction industry, becoming a positive force in building communities®. The Regional Council has flourished to become the largest building trades union in the state of Illinois with a membership in the tens of thousands; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his leadership as president/EST of the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters, a 38-year delegate to the Regional Council and president of Local 10, Mr. Libby served as a member of the executive board of the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters and the Chicago Federation of Labor. He was a trustee on the Carpenters' Welfare and Pension Funds and the Carpenters' Apprenticeship Training Fund, and proficiently served as chairman or trustee on various health, welfare and pension funds including multiemployer Taft-Hartley, ERISA funds and municipal state-regulated retirement funds. He also served on the Illinois State Council of Carpenters' executive board and as a past board member to the Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters' Labor and Management Committee launched Emmy-nominated Built to Last®, an educational vehicle for sustainable construction, product innovations, energy-efficient techniques and skilled craftsmanship. With five seasons now produced under the direction of Mr. Libby and the Carpenters' Labor and Management Committee-the most recent seasons presented by ABC Television-the show continues to inform, educate, entertain and inspire; and

WHEREAS, In 2011, Frank Libby spearheaded a successful challenge to the state legislature's attempt to adopt work rules at McCormick Place that conflicted with terms negotiated between the unions and their signatory employers. The challenge resulted in not only reaffirming Chicago as the preeminent trade show destination in the country but in a dramatic increase in revenue for the city, local businesses and the state of Illinois. As part of the agreement, a promotion fund was established to be funded annually to market Chicago as a top trade show destination and level the playing field between the marketing budgets of Chicago and competitors vying for the trade show business; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Libby intends to remain active in the community. He is a member of the board of directors for both a major Chicago financial institution and a national health care insurance provider. Mr. Libby welcomes the opportunity to spend time with his family including wife Gail and daughter Cynthia, and embarking on trips into the wilderness to pursue a favorite pastime, fishing; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor of the City of Chicago and members of the City Council, gathered on this 27th Day of June, 2018, extend our sincerest thanks to Frank Libby for the many contributions he made during his career, and wish him joy and continued success in his retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Frank T. Libby.