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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL  
MAYOR

July 29, 2015

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith a congratulatory resolution regarding Demetrius E. Carney. Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Mayor

Very truly yours,

### **RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Demetrius E. Carney has completed his tenure as President of the Chicago Police Board after nearly twenty years of dedicated service to the people of the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carney, having been appointed in 1996, is the longest-serving President in the history of the Police Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carney has considered more than 1,350 cases involving allegations of misconduct made against Chicago police officers, including over 450 of the most serious cases-those in which the Superintendent

of Police recommended that the officer be discharged from the Chicago Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carney consistently stressed the importance of impartiality, due process, and transparency when deciding disciplinary cases; and

WHEREAS, Under Mr. Carney's leadership, the Police Board increased the public's and police officers' confidence in the process for handling allegations of police misconduct; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carney led nationwide searches for four Superintendents of Police (Terry Hillard, Philip Cline, Jody Weis, and Garry McCarthy); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carney presided over more than 200 public meetings, which provide an opportunity for members of the public to engage in dialogue with the Police Board and the leadership of the Police Department and the Independent Police Review Authority, thereby playing a vital role in enhancing community-police relations by providing a unique forum for Chicagoans to voice their concerns about crime and policing; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carney's hard work, resilience, sense of fairness, compassion, respect for others, and devotion to the public good serve as an example to all; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the Members of the City Council, assembled this twenty-ninth day of July, 2015, do hereby express our sincere gratitude to Demetrius E. Carney for his dedication and service as President of the Chicago Police Board, and do hereby offer our warmest and best wishes for his continued success in all of his future endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Demetrius E. Carney as a token of our admiration and respect.