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## Legislation Text

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### **Chicago City Council Resolution Honoring the Retirement of Detective Alicia Sanchez**

WHEREAS, We, Alderman Michelle A. Harris and Alderman Gregory I. Mitchell, on behalf of the residents of the City of Chicago and my fellow colleagues of the Chicago City Council, have informed this august body of the retirement of Detective Alicia Sanchez; and

WHEREAS, Detective Alicia Sanchez is retiring on November 19, 2019 after 28 years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, On the 18<sup>th</sup> of November 1991, Officer Alicia Sanchez started her career with the Chicago Police Department. Her first assignment after completing the Chicago Police training academy was to be assigned to work in the 5<sup>th</sup> Police District- known as the Calumet district. This high crime district included the Roseland and Pullman neighborhoods. She was assigned to work on the midnight shift, so she could continue to raise her two young children; and

WHEREAS, In May of 1996, she transferred to the 12<sup>th</sup> District-known as the Near West district. She was quickly recognized for her work ethic and professionalism, which led to her being assigned to the 12<sup>th</sup> District Tactical Unit. She subsequently worked in this unit which concentrated its focus on gang and narcotic investigations for the next five years. This led to her establishing a reputation as the type of police officer that would be a valuable asset as a member of the CPD Ambassador Program. The ambassador program was designed to recruit the best applicants to apply for a career with the Chicago Police Department; and

WHEREAS, In July of 2002, Officer Sanchez was asked to join Superintendent Terri Hilliard's staff. She quickly became a trusted employee of the Superintendent and was assigned to be his exclusive scheduler. She also continued in this position working under the next Superintendent, Phillip Cline; and

WHEREAS, In December of 2006, Officer Sanchez was promoted to the rank of Detective and was assigned to the Area Central Detective Division working in the Violent Crimes office. In March of 2008, she was assigned to the DNA Profiling Unit. Her responsibilities included ensuring that recovered Criminal Sexual Assault kits were properly inventoried and submitted into the CODIS database for comparison and working with Criminal Sexual Assault Victim Advocacy groups; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure with the Chicago Police Department, she has amassed several prestigious department awards and recognitions, including two Department Commendations, one Unit Meritorious award, 33 Honorable Mentions, four Attendance Recognition Awards and four complimentary letters. During the course of her career, she also raised two beautiful children, putting them each through college. She has now been blessed to become a Grandmother to three beautiful boys. She has been married for over 34 years to a fellow Chicago police officer, Noel Sanchez; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and the members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, do

hereby express our appreciation and acknowledgement of the retirement of detective Alicia Sanchez and her 28 years of dedicated service; and

Be It Further Resolved, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Detective Alicia Sanchez.

**Michelle A. Harris Alderman, 8<sup>th</sup> Ward**