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CONGRATULATIONS EXTENDED TO PRESIDENT ALAN W. CRAMB ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

WHEREAS, Alan W. Cramb will retire as the ninth President of the Illinois Institute of Technology on May 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council had been informed of President Cramb's upcoming retirement by the Honorable Alderman Pat Dowell, Alderman of the 3rd Ward; and

WHEREAS, President Cramb assumed the office of President in 2015 after serving as Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs of Illinois Tech since 2008; and

WHEREAS, During President Cramb's esteemed tenure, he increased undergraduate student enrollment, achieved fiscal stability for the future of Illinois Tech, and successfully led the university through the pandemic, ensuring that all students could graduate on time; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated and highly experienced leader in the field of education, President Cramb previously served as the Dean of Engineering and the John A. Clark and Edward T. Crossan Professor of Engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; and

WHEREAS, A native of Saltcoats, Scotland, President Cramb earned his bachelor's degree in metallurgy from the University of Strathclyde (Glasgow, Scotland) in 1975 and his Ph.D. in materials science from the University of Pennsylvania in 1979; and

WHEREAS, President Cramb is a distinguished member and fellow of the Association for Iron & Steel Technology; the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical, and Petroleum Engineers; ASM International; the American Association for the Advancement of Science; the Iron and Steel Institute of Japan; and the National Academy of Inventors; and was elected to the National Academy of Engineering in 2014; and

WHEREAS, The author of more than 200 publications and the holder of two United States patents, President Cramb was awarded the Bessemer Gold Medal by the Institute of Materials, Minerals, and Mining in 2016; and

WHEREAS, President Cramb served as co-chair of the Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration, a national organization focused on advocating for undocumented and international students; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure, President Cramb successfully stewarded the launch of the Illinois Tech College of Computing, the Ocient Computational Center, the first undergraduate degree program in artificial intelligence in the Midwest, and the Ed Kaplan Family Institute for Innovation and Tech Entrepreneurship, which was the first academic building erected on campus since the 1970s; and

WHEREAS, President Cramb's hard work, sacrifice, and dedication serve as an example to all; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 21st day of April, 2021, do hereby congratulate Alan W. Cramb on his upcoming retirement; and

PAT DOWELL Alderman, 3rd Ward

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Alan W. Cramb.