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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF CHICAGO

LORI E. LIGHTFOOT
MAYOR

April 27, 2022

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith, together with Aldermen Osterman, Hopkins, Coleman, Taliaferro, Dowell, Ramirez-Rosa, Sigcho-Lopez, Sadlowski-Garza, Vasquez, Quinn, Reboyas, Hadden, King, Rodriguez, Mitts, Hairston and Ervin, a resolution congratulating Spencer Leak, Sr. on his 85th birthday.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, In recognition of his public service, civil rights advocacy, and appreciation of his tireless work bringing comfort to community members in their times of need, the Members of this Chamber are pleased to congratulate Spencer Leak, Sr., on the occasion of his 85th birthday; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Leak, Sr. was born on April 15, 1937, to pioneering Chicago mortician A.R. Leak, and grew up with his three brothers near 37th Street and State Street; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Leak, Sr. graduated from Hyde Park High School in 1956; and

WHEREAS, After joining the US Army in 1960, Mr. Leak, Sr. was stationed in West Germany; and

WHEREAS, In 1964, Mr. Leak, Sr. joined 10,000 activists led by his father and Reverend Clay Evans to protest the racially segregated Oak Woods Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Leak, Sr. became president and funeral director of Leak and Sons Funeral Chapel in 1970, assuming a major role in running the family business; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Leak, Sr. returned to school, earning his B.S. degree from Daniel Hale Williams College in 1979 and his M.S. degree in criminal justice from Chicago State University in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Upon completing his high education, Mr. Leak, Sr. dedicated his time to public service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Leak, Sr. served as Consumer Affairs Chief for the Illinois Attorney General; Executive Director for the Cook County Department of Corrections; Deputy Chief Inspector-General for the Illinois Secretary of State; Manager for Illinois Vehicle Services; Deputy Director for District 1 of the Illinois Department of Corrections; and Commissioner of the Illinois Human Rights Commission; and

WHEREAS, Since 1993, Mr. Leak, Sr. has served as President and CEO of Leak and Sons Funeral Home, where he has served innumerable members of the community in preparing memorial services with empathy, reverence, and dedication; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twenty-seventh day of April, 2022, do hereby congratulate Spencer Leak, Sr. on the occasion of his 85th birthday; express to him our heartfelt gratitude for his exemplary service to the residents of our great City; and extend to him our best wishes for continued health, happiness, prosperity, and success; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Spencer Leak, Sr. as a sign of our appreciation and esteem.