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## Legislation Text

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### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, On May 13, 2011, Dr. Mary Ellen Caron, the Commissioner of Chicago's Department of Family and Support Services (FSS), completed her seven-year tenure with the City of Chicago; and  
WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this fact by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and  
WHEREAS, In January 2009, Mayor Richard M. Daley named Dr. Mary Ellen Caron to serve as the Commissioner of Chicago's Department of Family and Support Services (FSS), which provides continuous support to the city's most vulnerable residents; and  
WHEREAS, Prior to this position, Dr. Mary Ellen Caron served at the Chicago Board of Education before assuming the role of Commissioner for the City's Department of Children and Youth Services; and  
WHEREAS, Under the direction of Dr. Mary Ellen Caron, the Department of Children and Youth Services received the Gold Quill of Excellence Award in 2006; and  
WHEREAS, Dr. Mary Ellen Caron is the Founding Principal of the Frances Xavier Warde School, an elementary school in downtown Chicago with an enrollment of more than seven hundred students; and  
WHEREAS, Dr. Mary Ellen Caron serves on the Prevent Child Abuse Taskforce for the City of Chicago and was recently awarded the Women's Initiative Child Link Award for her role in matching the youth of Child Link with counseling and summer mentoring programs; and  
WHEREAS, Dr. Mary Ellen Caron holds a Ph.D in Education Leadership and Policy from Chicago's Loyola University; and  
WHEREAS, Dr. Mary Ellen Caron will begin a new chapter as President and CEO of the Hope Institute for Children and Families in Springfield, which works with twenty-nine thousand Illinois children with autism and other developmental disabilities; now, therefore  
BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council assembled this eighteenth day of May, 2011, do hereby express our gratitude to Dr. Mary Ellen Caron for her years of public service with the City of Chicago and do hereby wish her much success in her new endeavor; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Mary Ellen Caron.

Alderman - 14<sup>m</sup> Ward