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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to congratulate Alderman Howard B. Brookins Jr. of the 21st Ward on the occasion of his retirement from the Chicago City Council; and

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WHEREAS, Alderman Brookins is the son of former Illinois Senator Howard B. Brookins Sr.; he graduated from Mendel Catholic High School and earned a degree in Mortuary Science from Southern Illinois University Carbondale; he earned his Juris Doctor from Northern Illinois University College of Law; and

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WHEREAS, Prior to serving on the Chicago City Council, Alderman Brookins served as an Assistant Public Defender, Assistant State's Attorney, and Special Assistant Attorney General; he remains a practicing attorney at the Law Office of Howard B. Brookins Jr., PC; and

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WHEREAS, Alderman Brookins was first elected to serve the 21st Ward as an alderman in 2003, representing parts of Auburn Gresham and Washington Heights; he is currently completing his fifth term as one of the longest sitting members of the Chicago City Council, having served for 20 years by the end of this term; and

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1 WHEREAS, While in office, Alderman Brookins'
2 accomplishments include the opening of the 21st Ward's first
3 Starbucks, the launch of Chicago's electric scooter program,
4 and the establishment of a reparations fund for victims of
5 notorious former Chicago Police Commander Jon Burge; he worked
6 tirelessly to bring a Walmart Supercenter to West Chatham and
7 was instrumental in the development of the Anaerobic Digester,
8 which uses food waste to produce renewable energy and nutrient
9 rich compost; he also served as chairman of the Committee on
10 Economic, Capital and Technology Development, the Committee on
11 Education and Child Development, and the Committee on
12 Transportation and Public Way; and

13 WHEREAS, Alderman Brookins has also shown his dedication
14 and commitment to the 21st Ward through hosting many community
15 events, including job fairs, internship fairs, high school
16 fairs, business advisory council meetings, the Annual Back to
17 School Summer Picnic, the Annual 21st Ward Clean & Green, Bike
18 the Hood, the Annual Senior Thanksgiving Dinners, the Annual
19 Christmas Party, the Summer Music series, the Annual
20 Shred-A-Thons, weekly Constituent Nights, and monthly Town
21 Hall meetings; and

22 WHEREAS, Alderman Brookins has served as a member of
23 several organizations, including Prince Hall Mason Eureka

1 Lodge #64, the Community Media Workshop Board of Directors,
2 the Northern Illinois Alumni Association Board of Directors,
3 and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; and

4 WHEREAS, Alderman Brookins has expressed plans to remain
5 politically active and to serve as a guide and counsel to young
6 people in the 21st Ward Young Democrats organization; and

7 WHEREAS, Alderman Brookins is the husband of Ebonie
8 Taylor-Brookins and the father of Howard B. Brookins III and
9 Harihson B. Brookins; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate
12 Alderman Howard B. Brookins Jr. on his retirement from the
13 Chicago City Council, thank him for his years of dedicated
14 service to the people of the 21st Ward and the City of Chicago,
15 and wish him continued success in his future endeavors; and be
16 it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to Alderman Brookins as an expression of our esteem
19 and respect.