

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Barbara Oken, Principal of Farnsworth Elementary School, will retire after 37 years on June 30, 2023 following a long and distinguished career teaching and administrating the students of Farnsworth Elementary School; and

**WHEREAS**, Barbara grew up in the Dunning area and attended Steinmetz High School; and

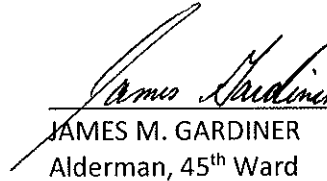
**WHEREAS**, Barbara performed her student-teaching duties at Farnsworth Elementary school in 1985 and returned in 1986 as a fulltime teacher; and

**WHEREAS**, Barbara became Assistant Principal in 1997, then was appointed Principal in 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, During retirement, Barbara plans to travel, do some gardening, and “Volunteer at Farnsworth Elementary School because once a Mustang always a Mustang”; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Mayor and the members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023, do hereby applaud and congratulate Barbara Oken on her retirement and wish her well on her future endeavors; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Barbara Oken as a token of our respect and of our best wishes.

  
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JAMES M. GARDINER  
Alderman, 45<sup>th</sup> Ward