

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, After being a member of Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) for 31 years, Deborah Lane, former President of ATU Illinois Joint Conference and Financial Secretary of Local 308, has retired from her positions; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this occasion by the Alderman of the 4th Ward, Lamont J. Robinson; and

WHEREAS, Deborah's ties to the labor movement in Illinois started when she took a union steward class in 1993 and later she was mentored by the legendary Chicago Teachers Union President Karen Lewis and CTU Labor Staff; and

WHEREAS, As the first woman to become President of the ATU Illinois Joint Conference, Deborah represented 15 local unions, with almost 20,000 members, from across the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Always a fighter for working people, Deborah assist in winning important benefits for workers in the 2018 contract with CTA, which included pay increases of 9.5% and a freeze on healthcare increases for her membership; and

WHEREAS, She has played an integral role in electing Democrats across the country including Governor J.B. Pritzker, Mayor Lori Lightfoot, and, most recently, serving as campaign manager for Congressman Jonathan Jackson; and

WHEREAS, Outside of the labor movement work, but just as important to Deborah is her family; she is the proud mother of Errin, Erwin, Nicholas Lane and she is the daughter of Mamie L. Cosey and the late Rev. Richard C. Cosey; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago do hereby congratulate Deborah Lane of the ATU Illinois Joint Conference and Local 308 on her retirement, thank her for her service to her members and the labor movement as a whole, and we express our wishes for a pleasant retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution be prepared and presented to Deborah Lane and her family.



LAMONT J. ROBINSON
Alderman, 4th Ward