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To All my Friends In the Fire Department:

As I retire as Fire Commissioner, I want each of you to know that in the half century that I have been in the Fire Department, any honors, awards or recognition I have received are due solely to the efforts and dedication of the men and women of the Department. In our organization, perhaps more than any other, we know how important each person is to his fellow worker.

I thank you for your past support and I know that your new Commissioner, Dick Albrecht, will have the same support and cooperation that you have given me all of these years. He is now the Commissioner of the best Fire Department, staffed by the finest firefighters in the world.

I had the distinct honor of working under two great Mayors, Richard J. Daley and Michael A. Bilandic. Under them, we've introduced innovative equipment and techniques to firefighting which have been copied throughout the world. This modern array of life-saving and property-saving technology, combined with your dedicated service, will continue to keep us leaders in fire-fighting.

Although I'm retiring as Fire Commissioner, I'm eager to let you know that Mayor Bilandic has asked me to remain with the Fire Department in a consultant capacity. I look forward to continuing to work with you in this capacity. I want to assure you, as I have Mayor Bilandic and the people of Chicago, that I will provide any assistance I can to the Chicago Fire Department to keep our Department the best.

Thank you and you will always be in my thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Quinn
Fire Commissioner