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HONORING CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4 (RETIRED) MELISSA FARMER-HILL

WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer 4 (Retired) Melissa Farmer-Hill is a native of Chicago, Illinois and has served in the United States Army for over 20 years; and

WHEREAS, after Basic Training at Ft. Dix, NJ and AIT in Fort Belvoir, VA her first duty assignment was with Army Reserve unit 477th Personnel Services Battalion as an Administrative Clerk (71L) at Ft. Sheridan II from May 1987 until 1992; and

WHEREAS, following a short stint with the Personnel Services Battalion in Forest Park, IL, she decided to join active duty forces and from 1994 - 1995 she served with 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Red Cloud, Korea as a medical retention board clerk; and

WHEREAS, Chief Farmer was then reassigned to Ft. Campbell, KY home of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), where she served as line of duty and casualty NCO from 1995-1998; and

WHEREAS, her next four positions would take her to Germany for five years, where she served as Personnel Reassignments NCOIC in Baumholder from 1998-1999 then was reassigned to the 421st Medical Evacuation Battalion as S-1 NCOIC in Weisbaden, and within a few months was selected for training and appointed as a Warrant Officer; and

WHEREAS, as a Warrant Officer, Chief Farmer was the Personnel Technician for the 90th Personnel Services Battalion, Bravo Detachment in Bad Kreuznach Germany from 1999-2001, and then was selected to move to Detachment C in Kaiserlautern from 2001-2003; and

WHEREAS, Chief Farmer was reassigned to the 46th Adjutant General Battalion at Ft. Knox, KY as the Adjutant/S1 for two years, but later rejoined the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) as the Human Resources Technician for the 501st Special Troops Battalion from 2005-2007, and in 2007 was selected as Class Instructor and Advisor for the Warrant Officer Basic and Advanced Human Resource Training Courses at the Soldier Support Institute in Ft. Jackson, SC; and

WHEREAS, from there she went back to Ft. Knox to become the Officer in Charge of the Warrant Officer Recruiting Team at Ft. Knox, Kentucky from 2008-2010, and in 2010 was reassigned to the Pentagon and became the Military Assistant to the Secretary of the Army (Hon. John M. McHugh) from 2010 - 2012; and

WHEREAS, Chief Farmer's final assignment allowed her to return home to the great state of Illinois as the J-1 Special Assistant for the United States Military Entrance Processing Command, where she retired in June of 2014; and

WHEREAS, Chief Farmer's military service awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Reserve Commendation Medal and various unit, campaign and service ribbons, and has also earned the Air Assault Badge, Army Recruiter Badge and Army Staff Badge; and

WHEREAS, Chief Farmer's accomplishments also include receiving the Douglas McArthur Leadership Award Winner (Germany 2000), Deployments and Kosovo (2001) and Iraq (2005), and is the Author of Army Strong Women (2008) Army Instructor of the Year (2008) and Warrant Officer of the Year for Adjutant General Corps (2008); and

WHEREAS, in addition to her outstanding military career Chief Farmer is also a graduate of Austin Peay State University, with an Associate of Arts in General Studies, Grantham University with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration and Roosevelt University with a Bachelor of Arts in Event Planning and Tourism Management; and

WHEREAS, as a veteran Chief Warrant Officer 4 (R) Melissa Farmer-Hill is proud to have served her country;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners proudly honors Chief Warrant Officer 4 (R) Melissa Farmer-Hill for her exceptional military career and her service to the country, the community and to Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and a suitable copy be presented to Chief Warrant Officer 4 (R) Melissa Farmer-Hill as a symbol of our respect and esteem.

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