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**SALUTE TO THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF CHICAGO**

WHEREAS, On the 29th of June, 2012, the Junior League of Chicago will celebrate its centennial year of service to the community; and

WHEREAS, The Junior League of Chicago has been the leading organization in training women on how to provide hands-on service as volunteers since it was founded in 1912 by Lucy McCormick Blair Linn; and

WHEREAS, The Junior League of Chicago has more than 2000 volunteers that donate 200,000 hours to various charitable projects. Many of its past members have gone on to work at leading non-profit, government, and for-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, The Junior League of Chicago has accomplished many notable achievements throughout the century such as launching the first children's theater in the United States in the 1920s, funding the first consultation clinic for epilepsy at the University of Illinois in the 1940s, and partnering with the Woods Foundation as well as Children's Memorial Hospital to open the first children's psychiatric center in the United States in the 1950s. In the 1980s, they opened the Express-Ways Children's Museum (now known as the Chicago Children's Museum) and, in the 1990s, they took part in the "Next Step for Teen Moms" project in partnership with the University of Chicago Department of Pediatrics, a project to help first-time teen mothers take the opportunity to get a higher education and develop their career goals; and

WHEREAS, More recently in its history, the Junior League of Chicago has been focusing on a healthy lifestyle initiative through launching several different programs. The "Kids in the Kitchen" program focuses on making healthy choices in order to promote the reversal of childhood obesity and its associated health issues. The "Health Train" program, a mobile health fair for children, travels to organizations in the city and surrounding suburbs in order to promote wellness. The "Girls Get Gourmet" program, a project for at-risk youth and their caregivers, promotes healthy lifestyle choices through cooking demonstrations, informational presentations, and exercise tips; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Michele Smith, Alderman of the 43rd Ward, has apprised this august body of this auspicious milestone achieved by this notable organization; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, gathered together this 18th Day of April, 2012 AD, do hereby salute the success of the Junior League of Chicago in celebrating its 100 years of service to the community and wish them continued success in any and all future endeavors they may wish to undertake.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the Junior League of Chicago.



MICHELE SMITH  
Alderman - 43rd Ward

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