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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Mercy Home for Boys and Girls is celebrating its 125th year of service in Chicago as it proudly continues its tradition of caring for at-risk youth through a host of innovative programs which offer them both a safe haven and a chance to achieve a brighter future; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this anniversary by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1887 by a Chicago priest, the Reverend Louis Campbell, the shelter's original mission was to care for homeless, orphaned and abandoned boys in and around the Chicago area; and

WHEREAS, The orphanage became a boys' home and was originally named St. Paul's Home for Working Boys and later called the Mission of Our Lady of Mercy; and

WHEREAS, In 1987, Mercy Home began accepting girls and in 1990 was renamed Mercy Home for Boys and Girls; and

WHEREAS, Mercy Home for Boys and Girls cares for its children at two separate campuses, the boys' campus in the West Loop area and the girls' campus in the Beverly community; and

WHEREAS, The mission of Mercy Home for Boys and Girls is to provide a safe, nurturing home while offering its children an opportunity to achieve an excellent education; and

WHEREAS, Over these many years, Mercy Home for Boys and Girls has dramatically increased its capacity, succeeded in greatly improving the quality of its educational support programs, and established a post residential support program called AfterCare; and


WHEREAS, As a result of the generous charitable support of its many dedicated benefactors and the dedication of its staff, Mercy Home for Boys and Girls has changed for the better the lives of countless numbers of "kids in crisis" who have come to its doors seeking charitable assistance and security; and

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WHEREAS, Mercy Home for Boys and Girls marked this important milestone on Sunday, September 30, 2012, with the celebration of a Mass followed by a reception to follow at 1140 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this third day of October, 2012, do hereby congratulate Mercy Home for Boys and Girls on the occasion of its **125th Anniversary**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Reverend L. Scott Donahue, the President and CEO of Mercy Home for Boys and Girls

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. B. B.', is written over a horizontal line.

Alderman - 14th Ward