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Committee(s) Assignment:

Resolution Commemorating the 10th Anniversary of IGO CarSharing

WHEREAS, IGO CarSharing, launched in 2002, is the City of Chicago's only local, non-profit car-share; and

WHEREAS, IGO CarSharing has made a real impact in the region through its contribution of creating a sustainable, convenient and affordable alternative transportation system in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, over the last decade more than 25,000 individuals have signed-up with IGO CarSharing; and

WHEREAS, membership in IGO CarSharing results in more than \$6,500 savings a year per member in reduced transportation costs, with a collective annual savings to members of over \$48,000,000; and

WHEREAS, IGO CarSharing's fleet has grown to almost 300 low-emission, fuel-efficient (including all-electric vehicles), 24-hour access cars serving over fifty neighborhoods in and around Chicago; and

WHEREAS, each IGO car replaces approximately 17 cars on the road, resulting in a reduction of almost 10,000 cars off the roads since 2002, leading to a reduction of CO₂ emissions by 25,000 metric tons annually, a real contribution to our environment; and

WHEREAS, members in IGO CarSharing drive an average of 500 miles annually versus the Chicago average of 10,000 miles, and they report a 50 percent increase in walking and biking after joining, resulting in a healthier lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, IGO CarSharing's growing success has resulted in the creation of nearly 500 jobs; and

WHEREAS, IGO CarSharing's joint initiative with the CTA, launched in 2009, is the nation's first partnership of its kind between a car sharing service and a public transit agency, providing members with access to IGO cars and CTA trains and buses with one smart card; and

WHEREAS, IGO CarSharing is undertaking new projects, including the building of solar canopies to supply energy to electric vehicle charging stations, and implementing a peer-to-peer car-sharing program; and

WHEREAS, IGO CarSharing is celebrating ten years of car-sharing in Chicago at its IGO 10th Anniversary Gala; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Joseph A. Moore, Alderman of the 49th Ward, has apprised this august body of IGO CarSharing's significant milestone; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Mayor and members of the City Council gathered together this 31st Day of October, 2012, do hereby congratulate IGO CarSharing on its first decade in Chicago and proclaim December 4, 2012, to be "IGO CarSharing" throughout the City of Chicago in honor of its efforts to creating an integrated, multimodal network of sustainable transportation for all Chicagoans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and given to IGO CarSharing.