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Resolution In Honor of the 50th Anniversary of Hales Franciscan High School

**WHEREAS**, It is with great pleasure and pride that the members of the City Council of the City of Chicago are hereby informed that Hales Franciscan High School, located at 4930 South Cottage Grove in the Bronzeville community, Chicago, Illinois celebrates its 50th anniversary; and

**WHEREAS**, Hales Franciscan High School is a parochial high school under the jurisdiction of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Since 1962, Hales Franciscan High School has celebrated African-American heritage, strived to instill cultural pride in its students and been dedicated to developing young men into leaders. Hales Franciscan High School is the only historically African-American, all-male, Catholic college preparatory high school in the state of Illinois and one of two such institutions in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Hales Franciscan High School celebrates its Jubilee Anniversary in recognizing the commitment, support and dedicated service that the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Franciscan Province of the Sacred Heart has provided; and

**WHEREAS**, Hales Franciscan High School continues to be a beacon of hope for young men of promise from families of every economic background, all of whom want their sons to become competent, well-educated leaders committed to social justice, personal excellence, and moral integrity, Hales Franciscan High School has provided and must continue to provide leaders to an increasingly complex society; and

**WHEREAS**, Donald Hubert, a 1966 Hales graduate and a prominent trial attorney, led a successful school and community effort in persuading the Archdiocese and Franciscan leadership to transfer ownership of the school to a lay-Board of Regents in 1992 and was key in bringing substantial support to the school. Though saddened by Don's untimely death in 2006, we are inspired by his dedication that continues to inspire all who wish to make a difference in the lives of the young men at Hales Franciscan High School; and

**WHEREAS**, This august body has been informed of this auspicious occasion by the Honorable William D. Burns, Alderman of the Fourth Ward; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Mayor and members of the Chicago City Council assemble this Eighteenth Day of April, 2012, and do hereby pay tribute to Hales Franciscan High School and extend congratulations on achieving its 50th Anniversary; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the Hales Franciscan High School community.



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William D. Burns  
Alderman, 4<sup>th</sup> Ward  
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