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Gratitude extended to Guadalupe Arce for commitment to

civic and business leadership

Committee(s) Assignment:

RESOLUTION

- **WHEREAS**, On June 19, 2013, Guadalupe Arce will receive the Founder's Award from the National Latino Education Institute at that organization's 41st Anniversary Annual Dinner; and
- **WHEREAS**, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this event by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and
- **WHEREAS**, The continued success of our country depends on the energy, enthusiasm and initiative of trained professionals and innovative entrepreneurs who are ready to meet the challenges of the 21st century; and
- **WHEREAS**, The National Latino Education Institute strives to empower the fast-growing Latino community with educational, vocational and employment services and encourage entrepreneurship and economic independence; and
- **WHEREAS**, Guadalupe and Eusebio Arce founded Tropical Optical Corporation in 1971; and
- **WHEREAS,** Starting with one shop in Chicago's Little Village neighborhood, Tropical Optical has since expanded to several other locations throughout the city; and
- **WHEREAS**, The success of Tropical Optical Corporation demonstrates the value of hard work and perseverance in pursuing the American Dream; and
- WHEREAS, Tropical Optical Corporation provides eyeglasses, free eye examinations and vision screenings for the needy; and
- **WHEREAS**, Guadalupe Arce has played an important role as a community leader and set an outstanding example of business acumen, generosity and civic responsibility; and
- **WHEREAS**, The 2013 Founder's Award recognizes the invaluable support that Guadalupe Arce and Tropical Optical Corporation have provided the National Latino Education Institute over the years; and

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this fifth day of June, 2013, do hereby commend Guadalupe Arce for her commitment to civic and business leadership; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Guadalupe Arce.

Alderman – 14th Ward