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Committee(s) Assignment:	

SALUTING LINCOLN PARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S
EXCELLENCE IN ARTS & CULTURE AWARD

WHEREAS, Since its founding in 1947, the Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce has grown into Chicago's largest neighborhood chamber; and

WHEREAS, Each year, the Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce hosts a gala Awards Luncheon honoring the chamber's most outstanding businesses in four categories: Retailer of the Year, Hospitality Business of the Year, Personal or Professional Service Provider of the Year and an Excellence in Arts & Culture Award; and

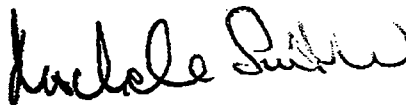
WHEREAS, The 2012 Excellence in Arts & Culture Award goes to Steppenwolf Theatre Company, America's longest running, most distinguished ensemble theater, producing nearly 700 performances and events annually in its three Chicago theater spaces: the 515-seat Downstairs Theatre, the 299-seat Upstairs Theatre and the 80-seat Garage Theatre; and

WHEREAS, Formed in 1976 by a collective of actors, Steppenwolf has grown into an ensemble of 43 actors, writers and directors. Artistic programming at Steppenwolf includes a five-play Subscription Season, a two-play Steppenwolf for Young Adults season and three repertory series: First Look Repertory of New Work, Garage Rep and Next Up. While firmly grounded in the Chicago community, nearly 40 original Steppenwolf productions have enjoyed success both nationally and internationally, including Off-Broadway, Broadway, London, Sydney and Dublin. Steppenwolf has the distinction of being the only theater to receive the National Medal of Arts, in addition to numerous other prestigious honors including an Illinois Arts Legend Award and nine Tony Awards; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Michele Smith, Alderman of the 43rd Ward, has apprised this august body of the noteworthy honor bestowed upon this venerable Lincoln Park neighborhood cultural icon; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council gathered together this 9th Day of May, 2012 AD, do hereby salute Steppenwolf Theatre Company on the occasion of its prestigious award and extend our very best wishes for continuing success for many more decades to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and given to Steppenwolf Theatre Company.



MICHELE SMITH
Alderman - 43rd Ward