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<b>Title:</b>	Congratulations extended to Greater Missionary Baptist Church on 60th anniversary
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

**RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING GREATER ROCK MISSIONARY BAPTIST  
CHURCH ON ITS 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, Greater Rock Missionary Baptist Church in the North Lawndale community is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary; and

WHEREAS, this esteemed body has been informed of this milestone by the Honorable Michael Scott, Jr., Alderman of the 24<sup>th</sup> Ward; and

WHEREAS, Greater Rock Missionary Baptist Church was organized by Reverend Morgan James, Sr., Reverend Willie Hall and others in 1956. Reverend James, Sr. was the first religious leader of the church; and

WHEREAS, the church held services for several years in a temporary meeting space on West 14<sup>th</sup> Street. On September 3, 1961, the church moved into its permanent home on 700 South Independence Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, Reverend James, Sr. served as Pastor of Greater Rock Missionary Baptist Church until his death on January 20, 1985; and

WHEREAS, several months later Reverend Floyd D. James, Sr. was installed as the new Pastor of Greater Rock Missionary Baptist Church; and

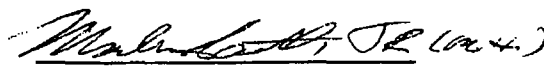
WHEREAS, in the late 1980's the church building was renovated and several parcels of nearby land was acquired. Greater Rock Missionary Baptist Church has moved into a new facility at 718 South Independence Boulevard and will be using the old building as a community facility; and

WHEREAS, the church has grown to approximately 500 members with about 200 Sunday school students; and

WHEREAS, the motto of Greater Rock Missionary Baptist Church is "A Church Designed with the Community in Mind" and fulfills its goal to be active in the community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this thirteenth day of April, 2016, do hereby congratulate Greater Rock Missionary Baptist Church on its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary and wish the church continued spirituality and fulfillment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Greater Rock Missionary Baptist Church.



Michael Scott, Jr.  
Alderman, 24<sup>th</sup> Ward