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Committee(s) Assignment:

A Resolution Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Greater Harvest Missionary Baptist Church

WHEREAS, Greater Harvest Missionary Baptist Church first opened its doors on April 12, 1912 to provide spiritual and material resources to those in need; and

WHEREAS, Greater Harvest Missionary Baptist Church began very modestly, holding services in tents with dirt floors; and

WHEREAS, From the Great Depression to the current economic recession, Greater Harvest Missionary Baptist Church has continued serving communities on the south side for 100 years; and

WHEREAS, During this time, Greater Harvest Missionary Baptist Church has solidified itself as a cornerstone of our communities on the south side that continually serves residents; and

WHEREAS, The late Mayor, Richard J. Daley recognized Greater Harvest Missionary Baptist Church as a place to go for those who are in trouble; and

WHEREAS, Greater Harvest Missionary Baptist Church is registered at City Hall as a Free Food Pantry; and

WHEREAS, A portion of South State Street has been given an honorary name recognizing the importance of the charitable work of the church's founder, Pastor Louis Boddie; and

WHEREAS, In December 2007, the Chicago City Council passed a Resolution declaring November 25th as Greater Harvest Missionary Baptist Church Day; and

WHEREAS, Greater Harvest Missionary Baptist Church has continued the charitable legacy initiated by the late Pastor Boddie through three succeeding pastors and is now under the visionary and dynamic leadership of Pastor Eric Thomas who is a lifelong member of the church and the community; and

WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Pastor Thomas, a new Greater Harvest Missionary Baptist Church building was opened on November 25, 2007 to better serve the needs of the church and community members; and

WHEREAS, In April 2009, The Chicago City Council issued a Resolution honoring Greater Harvest Missionary Baptist Church for assisting those in need and making improvements to our communities; now, therefore

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago gathered here this 15th day of February, 2012 A.D. recognize and celebrate the 100th year anniversary of Greater Harvest Baptist Church and its long and continuing history in the City of Chicago.

Be It Further Resolved, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Greater Harvest Missionary Baptist Church at 5141 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois.



Pat Dowell

Alderman, 3rd Ward