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Title:	Call for support of mothers in Chicago desiring to breastfeed their children in public
Committee(s) Assignment:	Committee on Education and Child Development

RESOLUTION

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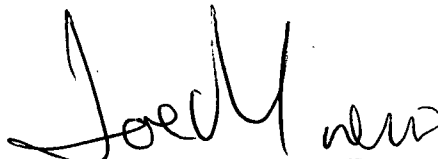
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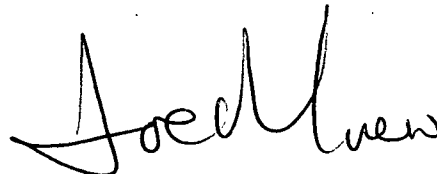
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