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Sponsor(s):	Burke, Edward M. (14)
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Title:	Congratulations extended to St. Jerome Croatian Catholic Church
Committee(s) Assignment:	

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, St. Jerome Croatian Catholic Church will officially celebrate the historic occasion of its *One-Hundredth Anniversary* on April 29, 2012; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this event by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

WHEREAS, St. Jerome Croatian Catholic Church was established in 1912 by the Croatian Franciscan Fathers; and

WHEREAS, St. Jerome Catholic School, which today remains vibrant, was established in 1922 by an order of Catholic Sisters known as the Adorers of the Precious Blood; and

WHEREAS, In 1973 St. Jerome Church opened the Cardinal Stepinac Croatian Ethnic School to educate Croatian youths on their history and culture and which was named for a beloved Croatian Archbishop who was killed in 1960; and

WHEREAS, Each year on August 15th, St. Jerome Church hosts its annual Velika Gospa Feast to celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Mother and draws thousands of visitors from Chicago and beyond; and

WHEREAS, St. Jerome Church celebrates one Mass per week in Croatian, and has sent much humanitarian aid to those in need throughout Croatia; and

WHEREAS, St. Jerome Church is home to many religious and civic organizations, clubs, and societies, of not only Croatian descent, but also of additional ethnicities; and

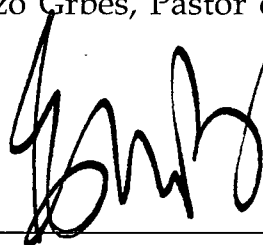
WHEREAS, St. Jerome Church is the home parish and elementary school of former Chicago Mayor Michael Bilandic; and

WHEREAS, On April 29, 2012, St. Jerome Croatian Catholic Church will mark its *One-Hundredth Anniversary* with a Mass celebrated by Chicago's Francis Cardinal George; and

WHEREAS, The celebration will continue with a dinner at the Chicago Hilton and Towers Hotel, 720 N. Michigan Avenue, and will include a documentary on the history of the parish; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this fourteenth day of March, 2012, do hereby congratulate St. Jerome Croatian Catholic Church on the occasion of its *One-Hundredth Anniversary*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Reverend Jozo Grbes, Pastor of St. Jerome Croatian Catholic Church.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Grbes', is written over a horizontal line.

Alderman - 14th Ward