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RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING REV. HOMER GARDNER
ON HIS 33RD ANNIVERSARY AS PASTOR OF
SUN RISE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

WHEREAS, His faithful followers and many friends throughout the community gather August 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28, 2011 to pay tribute to the Rev. Homer Gardner, Pastor of the Sun Rise Missionary Baptist Church, for his 33 years of tireless and lasting contributions to his grateful congregation and community; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago City Council has been informed of this joyous occasion by the Honorable Jason Ervin, Alderman of the 28th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Gardner joined Sun Rise Baptist Church on the first Sunday in June of 1957. During the years that followed he served in various positions: a choir member for 21 years, 16 of those as its director; Sunday school teacher for 20 years; Sunday school superintendent for 4 years; the youth supervisor for 20 years; a Deacon for 17 years, 10 of those years as chairman of the board; the church's Treasurer/Chairman of Finance for 4 years and the church's financial Secretary for 4 years; and

WHEREAS, Over the past 33 years, untold thousands of citizens have learned and watched their lives improve due to the teachings and spiritual healings of Rev. Homer Gardner. The Sun Rise Missionary Baptist Church is clearly a towering spiritual institution leading its congregation toward a promising and fulfilling future; and

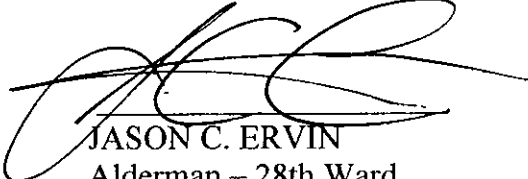
WHEREAS, The long and enriching marriage of Rev. Gardner and his loving wife of 46 years, Ida, has yielded two wonderful daughters. Rev. Homer Gardner is a loving husband, proud father and loving grandfather of six grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Gardner has served diligently and caringly as Pastor of Sun Rise Missionary Baptist Church since July of 1978, and the entire congregation attributes its community strength and cusses to this great religious leader; and

WHEREAS, The leaders of this great City are cognizant of the important of our outstanding religious leaders and institutions; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 2nd Day of November, A.D., do hereby express our gratitude and our heartiest congratulations to Rev. Gardner as he celebrates this Thirty-third Anniversary as Pastor of the Sun Rise Missionary Baptist Church, and extend this great leader our very best wishes for continuing success and fulfillment.

Be It Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Rev. Homer Gardner, Pastor of the Sun Rise Missionary Baptist Church.


JASON C. ERVIN
Alderman – 28th Ward