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<b>Title:</b>	Declaration of March 4, 2013 as "Mary Robinson Day".
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

## ***RESOLUTION***

***WHEREAS***, The Honorable Mary Robinson, the former President of the Republic of Ireland, will present her book, *Everybody Matters, My Life Giving Voice*, at a noon luncheon reception on March 4, 2013, sponsored by the Authors Program of the Union League Club of Chicago; and

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

***WHEREAS***, The Honorable Mary Robinson has dedicated her life to the pursuit of a more just world and has become an influential voice for human rights around the world; and

***WHEREAS***, The Honorable Mary Robinson reveals in her autobiography the vision and determination that has made her path to prominence so compelling; and

***WHEREAS***, Born in 1944 into a deeply Catholic family, the Honorable Mary Robinson was the only daughter among five children and considered becoming a nun; and

***WHEREAS***, As an activist lawyer, the Honorable Mary Robison won landmark cases advancing the causes of women and marginalized people against the prejudices of the day; and

***WHEREAS***, During her twenty years in the Irish Senate, the Honorable Mary Robinson promoted progressive legislation and in 1990 became Ireland's first woman president, redefining the role and putting Ireland firmly on the international stage; and

***WHEREAS***, The Honorable Mary Robinson served as the seventh, and first female, President of Ireland from 1990–1997 and was the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights from 1997 to 2002; and

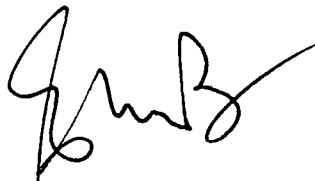
***WHEREAS***, The Honorable Mary Robinson currently heads the Mary Robinson Foundation, which works on behalf of millions of poor around the world most affected by climate change; and

***WHEREAS***, The Honorable Mary Robinson has been the honorary president of Oxfam International since 2002, and has chaired numerous bodies, including the GAVI Alliance, vaccinating children worldwide, and the Council of Women World Leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Mary Robinson is a member of the American Philosophical Society and is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the 2009 U.S. Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Indira Gandhi and Sydney Peace Prizes; now, therefore

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this thirteenth day of February 2013, do hereby welcome the Honorable Mary Robinson to the City of Chicago and do hereby officially declare that March 4, 2013, shall be officially recognized as **Mary Robinson Day** throughout the City of Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable Mary Robinson.

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

*Alderman – 14<sup>th</sup> Ward*