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Title: Congratulations extended to Reverend Dr Edward Davis,
Jr.

Committee(s) Assignment:

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING REV. DR. A. EDWARD DAVIS, JR.,
FOR 35-YEAR LEADERSHIP OF ST. JOHN M. B. CHURCH
AND 42 YEARS AS AN ORDAINED MINISTER

WHEREAS, On October 28, 2011, his many friends and faithful followers will gather to pay tribute to the Rev. Dr. A. Edward Davis, Jr., who for 35 years has been the dynamic Pastor of St. John M. B. Church on Chicago's South Side, and who is also celebrating 42 inspired and inspiring years in the Gospel Ministry; and

WHEREAS, Born in Chicago on May 2, 1951, and the son of a Minister, Edward Davis, Jr., attended Shoop Elementary and Morgan Park High Schools and received his B. A. from Trinity College. He went on to earn a Master's in Theology from Trinity School of Divinity in Deerfield, Illinois, and a Doctorate in Ministry from the Gospel Outreach Theology Institute of Houston, Texas. He also has been awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity, and was ordained November 10, 1969; and


WHEREAS, The Rev. Dr. A. Edward Davis, Jr., first served as Youth Minister at Mt. Calvary M. B. Church of Morgan Park. On November 10, 1976, he was called to pastor the faithful flock of St. John M. B. Church, and during these past 27 years he has lead his congregation into the 21st Century. Not only has the mortgage been burned, but Dr. Davis has currently inspired a 5.3M building project for a new edifice to include a school and a full-time day care facility at St. John; and

WHEREAS, St. John Church membership has increased dramatically since Rev. Dr. Davis became its Pastor. And his activities are not exclusively spiritual. A dynamic citizen mindful of his civic duties, the Rev. Dr. A. Edward Davis, Jr., is President of the Nehemiah Restoration Coalition (NRC) and was recently appointed by Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley as Chairman of the city's Zoning Department. He is Co-chairman of the African American Baptist Caucus, and has served on the Industrial Area Foundation. His activities also include membership in The National Baptist Convention USA, Operation PUSH, The South Suburban Ministers Alliance. He has received the Fred Hampton Image Award and proclamations and declarations from the City of Chicago as well as the U. S. Congress, 2nd Illinois District; and

WHEREAS, Symbolic of the strength and solidity of family life, Rev. Dr. A. Edward Davis, Jr., is married to E. J. Davis and have a son. Rev. Dr. A. Edward Davis, Jr., celebrates this great occasion with his lovely wife, their son, Amos E. Davis, III, and their extended family at St. John M. B. Church; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled here this 5th day of October 2011, do hereby join in the tribute to the Rev. Dr. A. Edward Davis, Jr., in celebration of his 42 years in the Ministry and of his 35 years as Pastor of St. John M. B. Church. We celebrate his example and extend our best wishes for his continuing inspiration and success.

Be It Further Resolved that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Rev. Dr. A. Edward Davis, Jr.



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