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<b>Type:</b>	Resolution
<b>Title:</b>	Congratulations extended to Hales Franciscan High School
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

**WHEREAS**, Hales Franciscan High School will celebrate fifty years of existence during the 2012-2013 academic year. The celebration will take place on May 10, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency, 125 East Wacker Drive; and

**WHEREAS**, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this by 18<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman Lona Lane; and

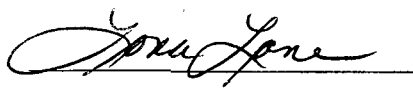
**WHEREAS**, Hales Franciscan High School has an extensive and rich history of serving the African American community on Chicago's Southside since 1962. Hales is the only historically African-American, all-male, Catholic college preparatory high school in Illinois, and one of two such institutions in the nation. Its success is attributed to the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Franciscan Providence of the Sacred Heart in St. Louis, which established the school for African-American students to receive a quality, private education at the time when few opportunities were opened to them; and

**WHEREAS**, True to the tradition, yet facing rising costs, Hales was threatened with closing in 1988. Donald Hubert, a 1966 Hales graduate and a prominent trial attorney, led a successful school and community campaign resulting in the Archdiocese and Franciscan leadership transferring ownership of the school to a lay-Board of Regents in 1992. Don continued his involvement with Hales as its first Chairman of the Board and was key in acquiring significant academic and financial support for the school; and

**WHEREAS**, Donald Hubert's untimely death in 2006 saddened the Hales family and community. In memory of Don's strong support for Hales, and as major beneficiaries of Hales and its services, the Hales Alumni Association will sponsor this year's Don Hubert Hall of Fame Gala. This affair is an excellent opportunity for our city to lend official recognitions and appreciation for the committed work our school has accomplished in touching the lives of many and graduating over 3,000 students. It also recognizes Don Hubert's valued service to our school, to the legal profession, and to our city; and now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here in assembly this sixth day of June, 2012 A.D., do hereby extend our congratulations to Hales Franciscan High School on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Hales Franciscan High School on this happy celebration.



Lona Lane  
18<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman

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