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Resolution

Congratulations extended to Willie Ray

## SALUTE TO WILLIE RAY

WHEREAS, Sew Rare is a cottage industry non-profit organization consisting of both professional men and women whose mission is to promote and introduce innovative fashions inspired by young female and male icons. For the past three decades, they have produced fashion shows at Condesa Del Mar which have been attended by more than 900 patrons; and

WHEREAS, Wille Ray has been a formal model and fashion commentator in this city for more than a half a century. She is one of the most sought after "fashionista" in Chicago who has had a direct impact in the fashion community throughout the years. Through an understanding of the past and building upon those experiences, her commentaries have helped enhance and validate Afro Americans designers in the fashion industries. She has made a major difference in their lives of designers; and

WHEREAS, Through her ceaseless efforts, Wille Ray has enabled the Sew Rare organization to furnish scholarships for those deserving individuals to attend Ray Vogue as well as the Art Institute School of Design; and

WHEREAS, Willie's work has exceeded the boundaries of generations and race. With her love of fashion, she has built a sence of community. Due to her hard work and dedication, she was recognized and honored at the 30th Annual Fashion for a Circle of Friends event on October 15, 2011; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Sandi Jackson, Alderman of the 7th Ward has informed this august body of the significant honors bestowed upon Willie Ray, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVEDd That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, gathered together this 16th Day of November, 2011 AD, do hereby solute the success and dedication of Wille Ray and express our very best wishes to her and the Sew Rare organization for continued success in any and all future endeavors they may wish to undertake.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Willie Ray.

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Alderman – 7th Ward

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