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Resolution Commemorating the 150th Anniversary of Temple

Sholom of Chicago, Illinois

WHEREAS, The spiritual, social and educational benefits conferred by religious institutions play a vital role in developing the moral fabric of a responsible citizenry; and

WHEREAS, It is the tradition of the State of Illinois to pay tribute to enduring religious institutions that contribute to the ethical and spiritual values of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Temple Sholom has been among Chicago's largest and most influential congregations of Reform Judaism; and

WHEREAS, By means of its resilience and commitment to spiritual, educational and universal values, Temple Sholom has been a safe haven and spiritual home for thousands of Jewish immigrants and their descendants to remain grounded in their traditions while becoming integral components of the wider community; and

WHEREAS, September 27, 1867 was the founding date of the congregation originally called North Chicago Hebrew Congregation. In 1868 a small building at the corner of Wells and Superior was purchased. After the 1871 fire the congregation used temporary quarters until 1876; and

WHEREAS, North Chicago Hebrew Congregation changed its name to Temple Sholom (A Sanctuary of Peace) in 1909; and

WHEREAS, Temple Sholom worked closely with several churches and other religious groups, fighting for the freedoms of people of color, and famously providing a platform for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to speak to the Chicago and the world on October 21st, 1964. This event, unsurprisingly, packed the Sholom Sanctuary with members and non-members, Jews and non-Jews alike; and

WHEREAS, Temple Sholom has been a leader promoting social justice and interfaith relations that extend beyond religious, racial and cultural barriers; now, therefor,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the City Council members of the City of Chicago hereby assembled on this the 24th day of July, 2017, do hereby commemorate Temple Sholom on their 150th anniversary and for their decades of service to the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to members of Temple Sholom.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Capplemann". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'J' and a long, sweeping underline.

James Capplemann
Alderman, 46th Ward