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Congratulations extended to Casa Central on 60th anniversary

Committee(s) Assignment:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Casa Central, one of Chicago's most respected social service agencies, will celebrate its 60th Anniversary during 2014; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this milestone by Aldermen Edward M. Burke and Roberto Maldonado; and

WHEREAS, Casa Central was founded in 1954 by a group of Hispanic pastors who originally named it the Chicago City Missionary Society and founded the organization to serve newly arrived Mexican, Cuban and Puerto Rican immigrants; and

WHEREAS, A decade later, the Reverend Daniel Alvarez was recruited to become the first Director of Casa Central; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Daniel Alvarez reorganized the agency, assured its survival and developed new comprehensive social service programs aimed at assisting Chicago's growing Hispanic population; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his 25-year tenure as President, the Reverend Daniel Alvarez guided Casa Central's growth and left his indelible imprint on its success; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Daniel Alvarez secured restricted and unrestricted funding, appointed the first board of directors and led the agency to become incorporated as a not-for-profit in 1968; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Daniel Alvarez was succeeded as the head of the agency by his wife, Ann, and together the couple has presided for fifty years of leadership of the organization; and

WHEREAS, Casa Central annually reaches more than 20,000 low-income individuals throughout Chicagoland without regard to ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, Casa Central Casa Central operates 14 social service programs in the largely Latino communities of Humboldt Park, Logan Square and West Town; and

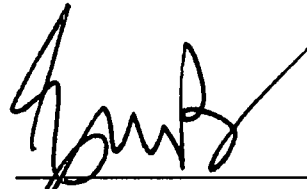
WHEREAS, Beginning in 2011, Casa Central began providing home care services, CNA training and intact family programming to Chicago's Southwest Side communities out of a facility in the Archer Heights neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Many Hispanic families with language barriers and limited resources and those intimidated by cultural differences often do not receive the help they need from the government or other social service agencies; and

WHEREAS, Casa Central's bilingual and bicultural programs have helped to build an important bridge to overcoming those barriers; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this twenty-fifth day of June, 2014, do hereby congratulate Casa Central on the occasion of its 60th anniversary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Ann Alvarez, President and CEO of Casa Central.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Anthony" or similar, written over a horizontal line.

Alderman - 14th Ward

Alderman - 26th Ward