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Title: Recognition extended to Reverend Olga Iris Montanez on Pastors Appreciation Day

Committee(s) Assignment:

A RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION FOR PASTOR OLGA IRIS MONTANEZ

WHEREAS, Rev. Olga Iris Montanez has served the congregation and community of the Church of God Lemoyne with devotion and faith since August 18, 1978 when she was installed as Pastor under the supervision of the administrative Bishop Rev. Hector Camacho; and

WHEREAS, the Church of God Lemoyne will honor and celebrate Rev. Montanez and her family for Pastors Appreciation Day at the Church of God Lemoyne, 3301 West Lemoyne Street, on September 20, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this important event of public appreciation by the Honorable Roberto Maldonado, Alderman of the 26th Ward; and

WHEREAS, born on September 16, 1939 in Puerto Rico to Rafael Maldonado and Providencia Otero, Rev. Montanez is the sixth child of 21 children to bless this couple with her beauty, grace, and love for her fellow man; and

WHEREAS, her passion for preaching and love for God's work began at a young age when she would often find herself preaching to her attentive audience of plantains and coffee growing on her father's estate; and

WHEREAS, in 1962 Rev. Montanez graduated from the Church of God Mission Board Institute in St. Just, Puerto Rico and in the same year Reverend French, General Supervisor of the Church of God Mission Board in Puerto Rico, gave Pastor Olga her credentials and the authority to execute her missionary duties before she assumed the position of missionary in the Church of God at stop 14 in Santurce, Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, the following year, on February 23, 1963, Rev. Montanez married her true love, Brother Jovino Montanez and the couple was blessed with three handsome sons, Marcos, Marvin and Ismael; and

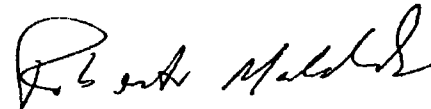
WHEREAS, before her installation as Pastor of Church of God Lemoyne, Sister Olga served as missionary of the congregation and taught at Church of God Institute and Sunday school; and

WHEREAS, for the past 37 years, the congregation and community of the Church of God Lemoyne have been guided by Rev. Montanez's devout teachings; the sick and elderly in homes, nursing homes and hospitals have been renewed by her optimism and strength; and needy children in countries such as Laos, Cambodia, Colombia, Guatemala, Mexico, Cuba and Haiti have been nourished by her spirituality and love; and

WHEREAS, through her great leadership, ministry, and guidance, Rev. Montanez has taught all of those she gracefully touches with her heart and soul to live well and with spiritual purpose; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of Chicago, assembled this twenty-fourth day of September, 2015 do hereby extend their deepest appreciation and gratitude to Rev. Olga Iris Montanez for her ministry to others and join in celebration for her recognition on Pastors Appreciation Day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of the resolution be prepared and presented to Rev. Olga Iris Montanez.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roberto Maldonado". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "M".

Roberto Maldonado
Alderman, 26th Ward