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RESOLUTION CELEBRATING FATHER MATTHIAS MUELLER'S 95TH BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, Father Matthias Mueller, O.P. will soon celebrate his 95th birthday; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Daniel Solis, Alderman of the 25th Ward, has apprised the members of the chamber of this remarkable man's auspicious milestone; and

WHEREAS, Matthias Mueller was born on September 9, 1922, in Appleton, Wisconsin. He was taught in Catholic School by Dominican Sisters and as a young man joined the Dominicans. In the late 1940s, he studied theology in Salamanca, Spain, earning a licenciante. He was ordained a priest on April 10, 1949, in Rome, Italy; and

WHEREAS, Father Mueller began his pastoral career in Kansas City, Missouri. After a few years, he undertook a new missionary in Cochabamba in the Dominican Province of St. Albert the Great in Bolivia. He was a Professor of Theology at the Normal Catholic School. Father Mueller spent ten years there preparing young people to be teachers; and

WHEREAS, He moved to Santa Cruz, Bolivia, in 1970. He studied electricity and then worked for two years helping the poor install electricity in their homes. Father Mueller then joined the Sisters of Maryknoll assisting migrants in the jungle. He even opened a pharmacy to help them; and

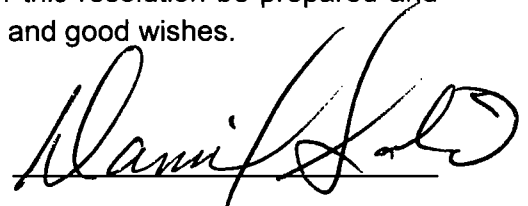
WHEREAS, In 1975, he moved to the rural area in the Cochabamba Valley serving the indigenous population. He returned to the United States in 1985 to care for his ailing mother; and

WHEREAS, The following year Father Mueller began as Associate Pastor at St. Pius V Parish in the Pilsen neighborhood of Chicago, where he still serves. He regularly conducts the 8 a.m. daily Mass in Spanish and the early Sunday morning Mass in English. He still hears confession every Saturday at 5 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, Father Mueller is embraced by the St. Pius V community for his great sense of humor, commitment to the poor, infectious laugh and quiet demeanor. He is compassionate, gentle and humble and held in high regard by the parishioners; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, gathered together this sixth day of September, 2017, do hereby congratulate Father Matthias Mueller O.P. on his 95th birthday and extend our very best wishes for many more birthdays to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Father Matthias Mueller as a token of our esteem and good wishes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel Solis', with a stylized flourish at the end.

DANIEL SOLIS
Alderman, 25th Ward