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Title:	Declaration of February 7th thru 14th, 2012 as "Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week" in Chicago
Committee(s) Assignment:	

WHEREAS, Congenital Heart Defects are the most frequently occurring birth defect and the leading cause of birth defect related deaths worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago City Council has been informed of this by 18th Ward Alderman Lona Lane; and

WHEREAS, Over a million families across America are facing the challenges and hardships of raising children with Congenital Heart Defects. Every year 40,000 babies are born in the United States with Congenital Heart Defects. Some are not diagnosed until months or years after birth; and

WHEREAS, Undiagnosed Congenital Heart conditions cause many cases of sudden cardiac death in young athletes. Despite these statistics, newborns and young athletes are not routinely screened for Congenital Heart Defects; and


WHEREAS, A disproportionately small amount of funding is available for Congenital Heart Defect research and support; and

WHEREAS, Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week provides an opportunity for families whose lives have been affected to celebrate life and to remember loved ones lost, to honor dedicated health professionals, and to meet others and know they are not alone; and

WHEREAS, The establishment of Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week will also provide the opportunity to share experience and information with the public and the media, in order to raise public awareness about Congenital Heart Defects; and now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here in assembly this fifteenth day of February, 2012, A.D., that the assembly proclaims February 7-14, 2012, to be Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week and encourages all citizens to increase awareness, education, and services for Congenital Heart Defects which each year affect thousands of babies in the City of Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the author for appropriate distribution.


Lona Lane
18th Ward Alderman

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