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Committee(s) Assignment:

SALUTE TO "YOUTH OF THE YEAR" REGIONAL WINNER YOLANDIS McCASKILL

WHEREAS, 18 year old Yolandis McCaskill is a member of the Dr. Martin Luther King Boys & Girls Club and represented that outstanding civic institution at the regional "Youth of the Year" competition after winning at the city and state or élan; and

WHEREAS, Yolandis McCaskill clinched the Midwest regional title and will advance to represent the Midwest region in the national event that takes place in Washington, D.C. on September 16 to 21, 2011. She is one of five regional winners who will be competing for a chance meet President Barack Obama at the White House and receive a \$50,000 scholarship; and

WHEREAS, "Youth of the Year" is Boys & Girls Clubs of America's premier event that encourages Boys & Girls Club members ages 14-18 to compete on city, state, regional and national levels for scholarship awards to pursue a post-secondary education. Teen members from every state complete applications, write essays, obtain recommendations and engage in public speaking in order to be chosen for this esteemed annual honor; and

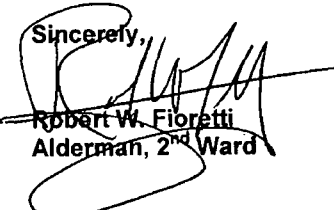
WHEREAS, Yolandis McCaskill grew up on Chicago's West Side in the East Garfield community, a neighborhood challenged by unemployment, poverty, drugs, crime and teenaged school drop-outs. Ms. McCaskill overcame a significant tragedy in 2009 after surviving a near fatal car crash from which she was thrown through the windshield. After taking a semester off to recover, she returned to school and activities with renewed focus, realizing that she was given a second chance at life; and

WHEREAS, Yolandis McCaskill has maintained a 3.9 grade point average while working a part-time job to assist with her family's financial needs. She volunteers at Rush-Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center and cares for her grandmother who suffered a heart attack last year. She is an active leader in East Garfield and is an outstanding example of a positive teen female role model for citizens, peers and teens with whom she comes in contact. An honors graduate of Providence St. Mel High School, she was selected as class valedictorian for the class of 2011. Ms. McCaskill has already been awarded a four year scholarship at the University of Notre Dame and will be attending this autumn to major in biomedical engineering; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert W. Fioretti, Alderman of the 2nd Ward, has apprised this august body of the significant honor earned by Yolandis McCaskill; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, assembled here this 8th Day of September, 2011 AD, do hereby salute Yolandis McCaskill for her remarkable accomplishments and congratulate her on winning regional title from the President of the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Yolandis McCaskill.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Fioretti
Alderman, 2nd Ward

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