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RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

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TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith a congratulatory resolution concerning the Chicago Uptown Lions Club.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Mayor

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Members of this Chamber wish to express their congratulations to the Chicago Uptown Lions Club on the occasion of their ninetieth anniversary; and

WHEREAS, The Lions Club is a secular service organization with thousands of clubs worldwide and millions of members around the globe. The organization aims to meet the needs of communities on a local and global level by raising money for worthy causes. The organization's motto is "We Serve"; and

WHEREAS, The Lions Club was founded June 7, 1917 and is now headquartered in Oak Brook, Illinois. The mission of the Lions Club is to create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world; promote the principles of good government and good citizenship and to take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, Renowned advocate for the disabled, Helen Keller, challenged the Lions Club in 1925 to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." As a result of her appeal, service to the blind and visually impaired has been one of the Lions Club's primary activities. Through its campaign "Sight First," the Lions Club has raised over \$130 million since 1990. These funds are used to promote long-term solutions to preventable and reversible blindness around the world; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Uptown Lions Club proudly serves the neighborhood communities of Uptown, Edgewater and Andersonville by supporting such organizations as South-East Asia Center, Caré for Real, and Sarah's Circle; and

WHEREAS, Uptown Lions Club was the second Lions Club chartered in Chicago. The Uptown Lions Club over the years has played an instrumental role in the establishment of Father's Day, and in drafting the Illinois White Cane law to assist seeing-impaired individuals, and in building the Robert R. McCormick Boys and Girls' Club; and

WHEREAS, Among their numerous projects, the Chicago Uptown Lions Club has underwritten the membership to the Boys and Girls Club for the entire student body of the McCutcheon school. The Club has also supported local efforts to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, American Cancer Society and AIDS Walk Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Service projects that the Chicago Uptown Lions Club has financially supported have included periodic hearing, glaucoma and diabetes screenings. Also, Club members have escorted and underwritten an annual excursion to the Lions District 1-A Circus at Medinah Temple for a number of visually impaired and physically disabled children and adults; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Uptown Lions Club has been a positive force for social good in Chicago, which is a great city thanks to kind-hearted members of organizations like the Lions Club; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this ninth day of November, 2011, do hereby congratulate the Chicago Uptown Lions Club on their ninetieth year of service and we wish them good cheer at their

Ninetieth Charter Night Anniversary dinner on November 19, 2011 at the Furama restaurant;
and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Chicago Uptown Lions Club as a sign of our congratulations and good wishes.