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Title:	Congratulations extended to Ms. Chaka Khan on 40th anniversary and declaration of July 28, 2013 as "Chaka Khan Day" in Chicago
Committee(s) Assignment:	

Resolution for Ms. Chaka Khan

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that the members of City Council of the City of Chicago are hereby informed of the life of International Recording Super Star Chaka Khan; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Chaka Khan, born Yvette Marie Stevens on March 23, 1953, in Chicago, Illinois. A place she loves to call home. She is known for her powerful voice, her great volume of curly hair, and her charismatic stage presence, and is highly respected as a musical vocalist, political activist, leader, and entertainer; and

WHEREAS, Chaka Khan is a singer, song writer, and performer; she has performed and recorded with some of the worlds greatest: Ashford and Simpson, Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder, Gladys Knight, and Michael McDonald to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Chaka Khan attended Calumet and Kenwood Academy High Schools in Chicago, during her school years. In 1969, Khan became active in the black power movement, joining the Black Panther Party and working on the organization's free breakfast program for children; and

WHEREAS, In the early 1970's after performing with a few other groups, Chaka joined the band Rufus, which had a strong R & B funk sound. Rufus was renamed Rufus featuring Chaka Khan shortly after she joined the group. The group scored a Grammy Award for best R&B Vocal Performance by Duo, Group, or Chorus in 1974 for the Stevie Wonder penned hit single, "Tell Me Something Good;" and

WHEREAS, Chaka Khan made an impressive debut as solo artist in late 1970's, in 1978 she released "I'm Every Woman" which she won two Grammy Awards as a solo artist and one Grammy Award as member of Rufus. Chaka the solo artist reigned supreme and won in 1984 another Grammy Award. She reached the top of the charts with "I Feel For You" and has received many more awards and honors to date; and

WHEREAS, Chaka Khan continues to help children with the Chaka Khan Foundation, which in collaboration with the Boys and Girls Club of America, provides education programs to at-risk children and helps lower income families with autistic children; and

WHEREAS, Chaka Khan, frequently known as the "Queen of Funk-Soul," is a 10 time Grammy Award winning American singer-songwriter, whose career has spanned for four decades. She continues to perform and record, with a new album to be released soon. She continues to perform in Chicago and claims it as her home and favorite place to perform; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and members of the Chicago City Council assemble this 24th day of July 2013, do hereby congratulate Chaka Khan on her 40 years musical and

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entertainment achievements as a native to the City of Chicago, and hereby express our best wishes for her health and happiness; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and members of the City Council in meeting assembled this 24th Day of July do hereby proclaim July 28, 2013 to be "Chaka Khan Day" in the City of Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Ms. Chaka Khan



William D. Burns
Alderman, 4th Ward
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