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Committee(s) Assignment:

*CONGRATULATIONS EXTENDED TO 98.7WFMT ON CELEBRATING THEIR
SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY*

WHEREAS, 98.7 WFMT is celebrating their sixtieth anniversary on Tuesday, December 13, 2011; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this significant occasion by The Honorable Margaret Laurino, Alderman of the 39th Ward; and

WHEREAS, 98.7 WFMT began on December 13, 1951, when Bernard Jacobs and his wife, Rita, pawned their car and luggage and acquired full ownership of a struggling radio station - now called 98.7WFMT; and

WHEREAS, In the beginning 98.7 WFMT was broadcasting just eight hours a day with the entire broadcasting staff consisting of Bernie as engineer and his wife Rita as the announcer; and

WHEREAS, 98.7WFMT has not changed their format or call letters in the last sixty years; and

WHEREAS, 98.7WFMT is dedicated to presenting very best in classical music and other fine arts entertainment to the widest possible audience; and

WHEREAS, 98.7WFMT has shown respect for their audience by keeping the highest possible standards in programming and engineering, resulting in a terrifically loyal and every-growing audience; and

WHEREAS, Through enhanced streaming 98.7WFMT has become a global broadcasting force, currently reaching the largest audience in its history; and

WHEREAS, 98.7WFMT, heard locally, can also be heard nationally or internally via internet streaming at wfmt.com and on the WFMT Radio Network, 98.7WFMT; and

WHEREAS, 98.7WFMT is the radio home to many of the country's most highly regarded music festivals, orchestras, individual performers, radio announcers and documenters; and

WHEREAS, 98.7 WFMT is one of the world's most renowned producers and distributors of fine arts and cultural programming, and

WHEREAS, 98.7 WFMT is a cultural resource that grows more vibrant with each passing year; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this second day of November, 2011, do hereby extend our heartiest congratulations to 98.7WFMT on their sixtieth anniversary and wish 98.7WFMT every success in any an all of their future endeavors; and

Be It Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to 98.7WFMT.

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MARGARET LAURINO
Alderman, 39th Ward