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<b>Title:</b>	Congratulations extended to Pastor Richard Nelson on 35 years of service at Open Door Baptist Church
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

**RESOLUTION SALUTING PASTOR RICHARD NELSON OF GREATER OPEN DOOR BAPTIST CHURCH  
ON HIS 35TH YEAR PASTORAL CELEBRATION**

WHEREAS, Pastor Richard Nelson is celebrating his 35<sup>th</sup> year as Pastor of Greater Open Door Baptist Church located at 1301 S. Sawyer Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60623; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed body has been notified of this significant pastoral milestone achieved by Pastor Nelson by the Honorable Michael Scott, Jr., Alderman of the 24<sup>th</sup> Ward; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Nelson confessed Christ as his personal savior in 1969. He accepted his call into the Gospel Ministry in 1975, and was ordained at Garden of Prayer Baptist Church in 1982. In June 1984, he became the Pastor of the Greater Open Door Baptist Church where he continues to preach the Gospel and provide stable leadership to his congregation; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Nelson graduated from John Marshall High School, attended Malcom X College, and Moody Bible Institute. He earned a Master of Theological Studies and Doctor of Ministry Degree from McCormack Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Nelson has received numerous awards and recognitions for his achievements in both the Ministry and community affairs. Most notably, recipient of the Dr. Shelvin Jerome Hall Leadership Award, One Church One Child Foster Care Award, The Seventh Congressional District of Illinois Leadership Award, Baptist General State Convention Achievement Award, and the Lawndale Builders Award; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Nelson has trained twelve preachers into the ministry, trained seven new deacons, reorganized the church office procedures and have shared his pastoral gifts in London, England, Istanbul, Turkey and Kingston, Jamaica; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Nelson has been blessed to have the loving support of his wonderful wife, Alice Cassell for over 30 years. They have three sons, Richard Jr., David and Johnathan, and one daughter Delena; and

WHEREAS, we now salute Pastor Nelson for his dedicated 35 years of pastoral service to the congregation of Greater Open Door Missionary Baptist Church and the North Lawndale Community; now therefore,

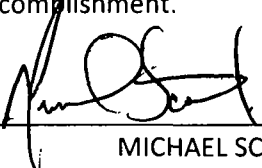
Be It Resolved. That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this July 24<sup>th</sup> 2019; do hereby express our sincere congratulations and best wishes to Pastor Richard Nelson for his 35 celebratory years of dedicated service to Greater Open Door Baptist Church and the North Lawndale Community.

Be It Further Resolved. That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Pastor Richard Nelson as a sign of our appreciation and recognition of this significant accomplishment.

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