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Title: Congratulations extended to Illinois National Baptist State

Convention on 100th anniversary

Committee(s) Assignment:

RESOLUTION HONORING THE WORK OF ILLINOIS NATIONAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

WHEREAS, The **Illinois National Baptist State Convention**, an outstanding organization, is celebrating its 100th Anniversary Centennial Year during 2014; and

WHEREAS, This august body has been informed of this important milestone by the Honorable Toni Foulkes, Alderman of the 15th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Since its founding in 1914, the Illinois National Baptist State Convention has established a well-deserved reputation for making an important difference among both its members and for those in the communities it serves; and

WHEREAS, During the past one-hundred years, the Illinois National Baptist State Convention has encouraged a sense of spiritual and community redevelopment, economic job creation, and neighborhood sustainability through successful strategic alliances and self-sufficiency programs designed to give a strong voice to those in economically and socially challenged communities throughout Chicago; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Illinois National Baptist State Convention has leveraged public-private partnerships, and improved the lives of thousands of Chicagoans, by providing the tools that enable them to positively focus on the future; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its hundred year history, the Illinois National Baptist State Convention organization has been formally structured and rooted in the Baptist Doctrine, mobilizing the members of every church to work towards one common goal of lifting up the name and spreading the good news about the works of Jesus Christ. This mobilization process is done through the Christian Education teaching ministry. This helps to provide the necessary tools through evangelism to empower the clergy, congregation and community. Education is another vital component of this state convention where eligible students are awarded annual scholarships; and

WHEREAS; Lastly, the Illinois National Baptist State Convention is well-known for sponsoring local national and foreign missions where you strive to reach the lost, the least, and left out through benevolent outreach - by establishing churches, hospitals and clinics, while successfully grooming the next generation to hold high the torch of excellence; and

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WHEREAS, During these challenging times, the continuing dedication of the Illinois National Baptist State Convention deserves citywide recognition, as they seek to dramatically enhance the lives of youth, adults, working families, emerging businesses and seniors throughout Chicago and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Therefore, that the Chicago City Council is pleased to salute the **Illinois National Baptist State Convention** on the occasion of its **One Hundred Year Centennial Anniversary**, for their longstanding dedication to creating a strong spiritual base and a better City of Chicago for all its residents. Best wishes for continued success and a bright future; and

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here in assembly this Twenty-Eighth day of May, 2014 A.D., do hereby express our appreciation and hereby extend to this group our sincere congratulations; and

Be It Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the **Illinois National Baptist State Convention**.

TONI FOULKES

Alderman – 15th Ward

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