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RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF LINDBLOM MATH & SCIENCE ACADEMY

WHEREAS, Robert Lindblom Math & Science Academy has a long and storied history, having opened its doors on September 2, 1919 as Lindblom Technical High School. In his annual report from 1919, Chicago Public Schools Superintendent Robert A. Mortensen described the newly opened Lindblom Technical High School as “a magnificent building equipped to handle all of the departments of a modern cosmopolitan high school.” In 1919, the Chicago Tribune boasted that Lindblom was, “the finest high school in the country.” This sentiment is still felt by the many alumni that have graduated from Lindblom over the past century. In 2005, after renovations, Lindblom was renamed Lindblom Math & Science Academy. Lindblom was granted landmark status by the City of Chicago on June 9, 2010; and

WHEREAS, This year is the Centennial Anniversary of Robert Lindblom Math & Science Academy; and

WHEREAS, This august body has been informed of this momentous occasion by the Honorable Stephanie D. Coleman, Alderman of the 16th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Long before there were selective enrollment high schools for Chicago’s brightest students, there were two schools of choice for the college bound: Lindblom Tech on the South Side and Lane Tech on the North Side. Today there are 11 selective enrollment high schools in the City of Chicago. Lindblom offers only Honors and Advanced Placement level courses. Initially, Lindblom served a population with a high number of European immigrants and emphasized the importance of education in assimilation and advancement. Lindblom was designated for students intending to enter vocations in the industrial and skilled trades; and


WHEREAS, Lindblom, a U.S. News and World Report Gold Medal School, offers high-achieving students a variety of unique programs in critical world languages, math, and science. With the largest Mandarin program in Chicago and the largest non-heritage Arabic program in the United States, Lindblom’s language program affords students unique and rich opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Lindblom is the #1 school in Chicago for college enrollment. Lindblom is ranked #11 in the state of Illinois by U.S. News and World Report and #7 in Chicagoland by Chicago Magazine. The Alumni of Lindblom have excelled in every field since graduating from Lindblom. Lindblom has given the world the best Chicago has to offer; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this thirteenth day of November, 2019, do hereby express sincere congratulations on the Centennial Anniversary of Robert Lindblom Math & Science Academy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Lindblom Math & Science Academy Alumni Association.

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