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Title: Congratulations extended to Reverend Dennis H.

Holtschneider on retirement from DePaul University and declaration of May 17, 2017 as "Reverend Dennis H.

Holtschneider Day" in Chicago

Committee(s) Assignment:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Reverend Dennis H. Holtschneider will step down as the 11th President of DePaul University to accept a position with Ascension, the world's largest Catholic-owned health provider, effective July 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this event by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

WHEREAS, The DePaul University Board of Trustees will hold a special event honoring the highly distinguished service of the Reverend Dennis H. Holtschneider on May 17, 2017 at Café Brauer at the Lincoln Park Zoo; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Dennis H. Holtschneider became DePaul University's 11th President on July 1, 2004; and

WHEREAS, As President the Reverend Dennis H. Holtschneider oversaw a \$556 million budget, 23,110 students and 931 full-time faculty members; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Dennis H. Holtschneider led DePaul University through two successful strategic plans that resulted in the rise of both graduation and retention rates, the extensive expansion of facilities and the development of 178 new programs; and

WHEREAS, More than \$460 million in philanthropic support was raised for the University during the Reverend Dennis H. Holtschneider's 13-year tenure, much of which was directed at supporting student scholarships; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Dennis H. Holtschneider joined the board of Ascension Health in 2009 and the parent board of Ascension in 2012; and

WHEREAS, A native of Detroit, the Reverend Dennis H. Holtschneider studied at Harvard University and received his doctorate in administration, planning and social policy in 1997; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Dennis H. Holtschneider studied for the priesthood at Mary Immaculate Seminary and was ordained in 1989; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of the Reverend Dennis H. Holtschneider serve as an example to all; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this twenty-fourth day of May, 2017, do hereby express our sincere gratitude to the Reverend Dennis H. Holtschneider on his highly distinguished tenure as DePaul University's 11th President and do hereby declare that May 17, 2017 shall be recognized as *The Reverend Dennis H. Holtschneider Day* throughout the City of Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Reverend Dennight. Holtschneider.

Alderman - 14th Ward