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Title:	Congratulations extended to Chicago Force Women's Tackle Football Team for 2013 perfect season, National and International Championship and declaration of January 5, 2014 as "Chicago Force Women's Tackle Football Team Day" in Chicago
Committee(s) Assignment:	

Congratulations extended to “Chicago Force Women’s Tackle Football Team”

Whereas, the Chicago Force Women’s Tackle Football Team is honored today for their 2013 perfect 12-0 season, winning their first National Championship in San Diego and World Championship titles; and,

Whereas, the City Council has been informed of this prodigious triumph by the Honorable Robert W. Fioretti, Alderman of the 2nd Ward; and

Whereas, Chicago Cubs honored the Chicago Force Women’s Tackle Football Team with throwing the first pitch of a game in Wrigley Field and one of the Force’s player sang the National Anthem; and

Whereas, Linda Bache, former player, inspirational leader and owner of the Chicago Force Women’s Tackle Football Team, was named by the Women’s Football Alliance, *Owner of the Year*. It is Bache’s game skills, management and leadership, that has guided the Chicago Force to achieve ten playoff berths in the last eleven seasons; and,

Whereas, during the 2013 perfect season, the Women’s Football Alliance named Chicago Force quarterback, Sami Grisafe, *Offensive Player of the Year*, and Chicago Force linebacker, Darcy Leslie, was named *Defensive Player of the Year*;

Whereas, in 2013 ten Chicago Force players were selected to the All-American Team, to represent the National Conference of the Women’s Football Alliance in the All-American game: Sami Grisafe, Brandy Hatcher, Dawn Pederson, Tami Engelman, Liz Okey, Ashley Berggren, Jeanette Gray, Kim Marks, Darcy Leslie and Angel Smith; and,

Whereas, the USA Women’s Tackle Football Team won the gold in Finland on July 6, 2013. Chicago Force coaches, John Konecki, Adam Lewandowski, and Nick Djurdjevic were selected to coach Team USA leading them to victory in the Women’s World Championship with decisive triumphs over Sweden (84-0), Germany (107-7), and Canada (64-0) in the gold medal game. The forty-five women on Team USA represent the top players in the sport of women’s tackle football, are recognized and respected as international sports ambassadors; and

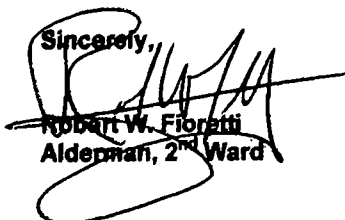
Whereas, Chicago Force players are recognized for their championship team, among them were nine Chicago Force players, who were members of the record setting 2013 U.S. Women’s National Team that won the Women’s World Championship: Sami Grisafe, Jamie Menzyk, Dawn Pederson, Tami Engelman, Liz Okey, Kim Marks, Brandy Hatcher, Jeanette Gray and Ashley Berggren; and,

Whereas, the Chicago Force Women’s Tackle Football franchise and team’s championship athletic talent goes “beyond the game” upholding the principles of self-discipline, good sportsmanship and indomitable spirit of the great city of Chicago in their conduct on both the national and international stages, and is celebrated for its pioneering and distinguished example for establishing a sports legacy for women and girls too often unheralded and overlooked in the sports arena; now, therefore,

Be it Resolved, the entire city of Chicago, the Mayor and members of the City Council hereby proclaim **January 5, 2014** as the **Chicago Force Women’s Tackle Football Team Day** in the city of Chicago, in honor of the Force’s 2013 perfect season, National and International Championship titles, and urge all citizens to celebrate the Chicago Force Team contributions and commitment to sportsmanship that breaks all barriers.

Be it Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago gathered here this fifteenth day of January 2014, do hereby express our heartiest congratulations to "Chicago Force Women's Tackle Football Team" on their Championship and very best wishes for continued achievements; and

Be it Further Resolved, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the "Chicago Force Women's Tackle Football Team".

Sincerely,

Robert W. Fioratti
Alderman, 2nd Ward

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