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A resolution

to be adopted by *The City Council*
of the *City of Chicago, Illinois*

WHEREAS, The Moody Bible Institute celebrates its quasiquicentennial year with a luncheon at the Sheraton Hotel on North Water Street, Saturday, October 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, On January 22, 1886, the legendary evangelist Dwight Lyman Moody addressed a gathering assembled to discuss the topic of evangelization in Chicago. When the subject of a school was brought up, he told them that, in his heart, he fervently believed that there must be a place where men could be trained to do city mission work. "Take men that have the gifts and train them for the work of reaching the people" he said; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Evangelization Society, later renamed the Moody Bible Institute, was founded as a result of that meeting and at the urging of Emma Dryer, a principal and teacher at Illinois State Normal University whom D. L. Moody had asked to run a training program for women who desired to do evangelistic outreach and missionary work. Under Dryer's leadership, the training program grew rapidly and so did her desire for this ministry to reach out to men as well as women; and

WHEREAS, Through the grace of God and the dynamic leadership of D. L. Moody, the Moody Bible Institute began to flourish. In 1901, Moody Correspondence School was established for those who could not, for financial or other reasons, attend the Institute. Initially starting with two courses, the number of offerings grew steadily and, by the end of 1945, there were 17 courses available. Currently, Moody Bible Institute's correspondence courses, known as Independent Studies, can be taken for personal enrichment or college credit. Moody Distance Learning offers almost 70 Independent Studies and, in 2009, Moody Bible Institute began offering these Independent Studies on the internet; and

WHEREAS, In 1903, Moody Bible Institute's Evening School was created, initially offering classes four nights a week to train lay workers so that they could become effective in their churches. The Evening School tradition continues today through Moody Distance Learning's Regional Classrooms. Currently operating in Chicago and the surrounding suburbs, northwest Indiana, Wisconsin, Ohio and Florida, these Regional Classrooms offer college credit and continuing education courses to non-resident students during evening hours or Saturday mornings; and


WHEREAS, In addition to the educational offerings, the Moody Bible Institute incorporated the Bible Institute Colportage Association in 1899 that eventually became Moody Publications, the profits of which are funneled back to the Institute to support the students' tuition-paid education. In 1900, Moody published a magazine titled "The Institute Tie" which evolved into Christian Workers' Magazine in 1910 and subsequently became Moody Bible Institute Monthly in 1920, Moody Monthly in 1938, and ultimately MOODY magazine in 1990 which ending publication in August of 2003 although Moody Bible Institute continues to publish "Today in the Word", a free monthly devotional guide that began in 1988 as a gift for the supporters of Moody Bible Institute's work: and

WHEREAS, In October of 1925, a severe storm prevented the scheduled talent for Chicago radio station WGES from arriving. Two cornet-playing Moody Bible Institute students happened to be on site and filled the time slot. This serendipitous event helped launch the Moody Bible Institute-sponsored radio station WMBI, the oldest non-commercial Christian radio station in the country. WMBI was the foundation for Moody Radio, a network of 35 stations in the continental U.S. By 1982, Moody Radio began a satellite-fed network with more than one million listeners weekly; and

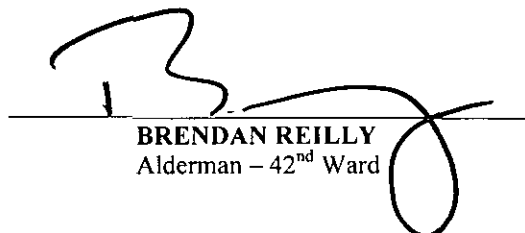
WHEREAS, The Honorable Walter Burnett, Jr., Alderman of the 27th Ward and the Honorable Brendan Reilly of the 42nd Ward, have informed this august body of the historic milestone occasioned by this eminent institution of spiritual scholarship; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED That we, the mayor and the members of the City of Chicago City Council, gathered this 5th Day of October, 2011 do hereby congratulate the Moody Bible Institute for its 125 years of outstanding and inspirational religious education for many of the world's most outstanding and devoted Christian shepherds and people of faith.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to President of Moody Bible Institute, Dr. Paul Nyquist.



WALTER BURNETT, JR.
Alderman - 27th Ward



BRENDAN REILLY
Alderman - 42nd Ward