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SALUTE TO THE HERMON BAPTIST CHURCH SENIOR CHOIR
ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR QUASQUICENTENNIAL JUBILEE

WHEREAS, King David's 95th Psalm begins with the verse "O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation" For the past 125 years, the Hermon Baptist Church Senior Choir on North Clark Street has been fulfilling the directive of that biblical passage; and

WHEREAS, The Senior Choir was formed in 1887, one year before the founding of Hermon Baptist Church itself, one of the oldest African-American Baptist Churches in Chicago. Current & former members of this notable chorus join together to celebrate their Quasquicentennial Jubilee on September 29 with a festive and joyous concert of spirituals, cantatas, anthems, hymns gospel & contemporary music; and

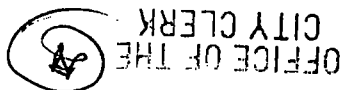
WHEREAS, This praise group was initially comprised of thirteen African-American men and women who undertook a house-to-house mission, traveling from the North to South Sides of this city to sing the Gospel anthems and spirituals from their rich heritage. After a year of this exhausting activity, they decided to form Hermon Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, The Senior Choir of Hermon Baptist Church also follows the prescription laid out in the opening verses of the 96th Psalm: "O sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the earth. Sing unto the Lord, bless his name, and show forth his salvation from day to day"; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Michele Smith, the Alderman of the 43rd Ward wherein the Hermon Baptist Church is located, has apprised this august body of this noteworthy organization's praiseworthy and significant milestone; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, gathered together this 3rd Day of October, 2012 AD, do hereby Salute the Hermon Baptist Church Senior Choir for making "a joyful noise unto the Lord" for the past 125 years and extend our heartfelt congratulations on this most auspicious occasion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the Hermon Baptist Church Senior Choir.



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Alderman - 43rd Ward