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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Named for a sainted King of Hungary, St. Ladislaus was founded in 1914 as a Polish parish in a rural area that had been annexed to the city in 1889 prior to the World's Columbian Exposition. The Polish term for the surrounding area, Władysławowo derives from the Polish name for the church's patron, St. Ladislaus; and,

WHEREAS, Originally a mission of St. Wenceslaus, the first church, a combination church and school building, was already in place by August 1915, an impressive feat given that the parish still only numbered about 100 families in 1920. The parish was key in spurring growth in the Portage Park area, drawing Polish immigrants to this northwest side community; and,

WHEREAS, By the time St. Ladislaus celebrated its silver jubilee, the parish had paid off all its debt, and a building fund for the new church had already been started. However construction was delayed by the outbreak of World War II. On Nov. 17, 1952, ground was broken for the church at the northwest corner of Long and Henderson. The cornerstone was laid on Apr. 12, 1953, and the imposing brick edifice was opened on June 12, 1955 for its first Mass; and,

WHEREAS, The beautiful Romanesque church was designed by noted architect Leo Strelka, has a bell tower that is a beacon in the Portage Park community. The barrel-vault ceiling, marble altars and statues, rose window and other stained glass flanking the nave make a perfect setting for prayer and worship; and,

WHEREAS, This year, on Sunday, June 8, 2014, a Jubilee Mass will be held in celebration of their 100th anniversary; and now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 28th day of May 2014 A.D., do hereby recognize St. Ladislaus Parish on their 100 anniversary; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to St. Ladislaus Parish.

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