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<b>Title:</b>	Congratulations extended to Ray Rubio for contributions to Hispanic community
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, Ray Rubio, born as Ramon Gonzalez Hernandez in Barrio Canabonito in Caguas, Puerto Rico, has led a noteworthy life; and,

**WHEREAS**, At the age of eight, Ray Rubio started playing the guitar, and by the time he was thirteen years old, he was singing and playing in a rock and roll band called Grupo Oro; and,

**WHEREAS**, At seventeen, Ray Rubio moved to New York, where he joined another band, and within two years after arriving, at the age of nineteen, he began working as a radio announcer with his own show called "El Show de Ray Rubio"; and,

**WHEREAS**, During the year of 1975, Ray Rubio moved to Chicago and was hired as a radio announcer. While in Chicago, he started his acting career in telenovelas, and recorded his first album as a singer. In 1980, he won first place at a singing festival in the Midwest; and,

**WHEREAS**, Ray Rubio moved back to Puerto Rico where he began working as a radio announcer, and as an actor in soap operas for the Telemundo network. During the six years he spent in Puerto Rico, he recorded another album and created a Spanish rock band, while attending college to study musical theater. He graduated and worked as an actor in Bellas Artes theater; and,

**WHEREAS**, In 1987, Ray Rubio moved back to Chicago and began working for Telemundo. During the next two decades, Ray was involved in many endeavors; becoming a licensed real estate agent and investor, working with Univision Television, hosting his own show for television, opened a restaurant and nightclub in Wicker Park called Chacharcha, and worked as an actor in three different movies, including the film, "8 of Diamonds." In 2008, he became the general manager of a marketing and advertising company in Chicago, and in 2013, re-entered local television with a talk show; and,

**WHEREAS**, During his years, he has received numerous awards and accolades. In 1995, Ray Rubio received "Lo Nuestro" award from the legendary comedian, Yoyo Boing, as best communicator of the year in the Midwest; and,

**WHEREAS**, In 2014, Ray Rubio was the Grand Marshal for the Central America Cultural Civic Association of Chicago parade, received a proclamation from Governor Pat Quinn for 45 years on radio and his work in the Hispanic community, and he was selected by the New York University as one of the top 100 Puerto Ricans that had made a difference in the Hispanic community; and,

**WHEREAS**, Ray Rubio has been involved in several community organizations, such as the Puerto Rican Chamber of Commerce of Illinois, UNICEF, Lions Club, the Puerto Rican Parade Committee, Knights of San Juan, Casa Central Social Services Agency, Spanish Action Committee of Chicago, and is currently the Vice President of the Puerto Rican Cultural Association of Illinois; and,

**WHEREAS**, Ray Rubio is still on the radio and volunteers his time with non-profit community agencies, and is currently writing a book, a musical, and finishing 300 songs that he has composed; and now therefore;

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**BE IT RESOLVED,** That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2016 A.D., do hereby offer our heartiest congratulations to Ray Rubio on his achievements and commitment to the Hispanic community; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Ray Rubio.



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Ariel E. Reboyras  
Alderman, 30<sup>th</sup> Ward

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