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**Sponsor(s):** Burke, Edward M. (14)

**Type:** Resolution

**Title:** Congratulations extended to John Marshall Law School and Commoration of Honorable William E. Rodriguez as first Hispanic elected as Chicago Alderman

**Committee(s) Assignment:**

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, The John Marshall Law School will celebrate the *One-Hundredth Anniversary* of its first Hispanic graduate at a reception to be held on November 27, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this event by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

**WHEREAS**, The John Marshall Law School will pay homage to the legacy of the Honorable William E. Rodriguez, a 1912 graduate of the institution; and

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable William E. Rodriguez practiced law in Chicago and was a founding member of the Chicago Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1915, the Honorable William E. Rodriguez became the first Hispanic elected to serve in the Chicago City Council in a replacement election and was then re-elected to office in 1916; and

**WHEREAS**, During his tenure as a member of the Chicago City Council, the Honorable William E. Rodriguez represented the 15<sup>th</sup> Ward, then located on the City's Northwest Side, and

**WHEREAS**, After leaving public service, the Honorable William E. Rodriguez practiced law well into his late eighties; and

**WHEREAS**, A permanent display on the second floor of City Hall entitled, "Chicago: Its City Halls and Councils," pays tribute to the Honorable William E. Rodriguez as the first Hispanic elected to serve as a Chicago alderman, as well as an array of other facts of historic importance; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this fifteenth day of November, 2012, do hereby recognize the One-Hundredth Anniversary of the graduation of the first Hispanic to graduate from the John Marshall law School; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the John Marshall Law School.

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***Alderman - 14<sup>th</sup> Ward***