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# A resolution

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



Presented by MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL on DECEMBER 14, 2011

**Whereas**, The Members of this Chamber are pleased to congratulate the students, staff, faculty, and alumni of the City Colleges of Chicago on the one hundredth anniversary of this venerable institution; and

**WHEREAS**, For one hundred years, City Colleges, nicknamed "the people's college," has served as a springboard for Chicagoans striving to reach their education and career goals; and

**WHEREAS**, Originally founded as Crane Junior College on September 11, 1911 with thirty students, City Colleges has expanded to become the largest community college system in Illinois and one of the largest in the nation, with nearly six thousand faculty members and staff serving 120,000 students at seven campuses and six satellite sites city-wide; and

**WHEREAS**, The City Colleges of Chicago consists of seven colleges: Richard J. Daley College; Kennedy-King College; Malcolm X College; Olive-Harvey College; Harry S. Truman College; Harold Washington College; and Wilbur Wright College. The system also oversees the Washburne Culinary Institute; the French Pastry School; two restaurants; five child development centers; the Center for Distance Learning; the Workforce Institute; the public broadcast station WYCC-TV Channel 20, and radio station WKKC-FM 89.3FM; and

**WHEREAS**, City Colleges boasts a rich and fascinating history. After Crane Junior College was closed during the Great Depression, legendary attorney Clarence Darrow came to the College's rescue, arguing that it must stay open "for the people." Wright College is the birthplace of the sport of synchronized swimming. Bogan Junior College, later renamed Daley College, grew so quickly that classes were once held in trailers and store fronts along 79th Street; and

**WHEREAS**, City Colleges, which continues its dynamic growth each year, has improved the lives of more than one million alumni since its inception one hundred years ago; and

**WHEREAS**, Notable City Colleges alumni include Pulitzer Prize Winner Gwendolyn Brooks, Nobel Laureate Dr. Herbert Brown, actors Dennis Franz and Kim Novak, and the first African-American astrophysicist Rita Kay Williams; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2010, in anticipation of its centennial, City Colleges launched a Reinvention initiative, a collaborative effort to review and revise its programs and practices to achieve greater degree attainment, job placement, and career advancement and ensure City Colleges' vitality as it enters its second century; and

**WHEREAS**, City Colleges recently announced a partnership with private industry and other academic institutions to provide mentors, train faculty and develop curricula to prepare its students for jobs in aviation, hospitality, health care, information technology and other industries in need of job candidates; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this fourteenth day of December, 2011, do hereby congratulate the City Colleges of Chicago on their one hundredth anniversary of providing quality, affordable education to residents of the City of Chicago; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to City Colleges' Board of Trustees Chairman Martin Cabrera, Jr. and to Chancellor Cheryl L. Hyman, as a sign of our esteem and good wishes.



*Ral Emanuel*  
MAYOR

*Susana A. Mendez*  
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