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<b>Sponsor(s):</b>	Laurino, Margaret (39)
<b>Type:</b>	Resolution
<b>Title:</b>	Congratulations extended to Village of Lincolnwood
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

*CONGRATULATIONS EXTENDED TO THE VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD,  
ILLINOIS, ON CELEBRATING ITS ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY.*

WHEREAS, The Village of Lincolnwood, Illinois, is celebrating its one hundredth anniversary; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this special occasion by The Honorable Margaret Laurino, Alderman of the 39<sup>th</sup> Ward; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Lincolnwood, Illinois, was a farm community founded by two early pioneers, Johann Tess and George Proesel; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Lincolnwood, Illinois, was originally incorporated in 1911 as Tessville; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Lincolnwood, Illinois, was essentially powerless until the mid 1920's, when the introduction of electric rail service came to Niles Center, since renamed Skokie, thereby changing Tessville's civic and social life; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Lincolnwood, Illinois, elected Henry Proesel, a grandson of the Village's co-founder, as mayor in 1931; ending his forty-six years in office in 1977; succeeded by John Porcelli, Frank Chulay, Madeline Grant, Peter Moy, and Jerry Turry;

WHEREAS, The Village of Lincolnwood, Illinois, assigned Works Progress Administration (WPA) workers the monumental task of planting 10,000 elm trees along all Village streets, as an early move by Mayor Henry Proesel; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Lincolnwood, Illinois, passed an ordinance in 1934, limiting the number of liquor licenses, serving as a model for the Illinois State Liquor Control Laws; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Lincolnwood, Illinois, officially changed the name of the Village from Tessville to Lincolnwood in 1936; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Lincolnwood, Illinois, grew in population from 3,072 in 1950 to more than 12,000 in 1970, a figure that has since remained fairly constant, due to the opening of the Edens Expressway in 1951; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Lincolnwood, Illinois, introduced paramedic service during the two terms of Mayor John Porcelli; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Lincolnwood, Illinois, saw the development of the Lincolnwood Town Center, with its 70 stores, Lincolnwood Place, Barclay Place and the construction of a new Village Hall during the two terms of Mayor Frank Chulay; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Lincolnwood, Illinois, created a nine-member Economic Development Commission in 1995, while Madeline Grant, Lincolnwood's first woman mayor, was in office; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Lincolnwood, Illinois, during Mayor Grant's tenure, saw major public works programs, such as the construction of a 1.5 million-gallon water tower, the renovation of the Village's 13 parks, and necessary infrastructure repairs; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Lincolnwood, Illinois, elected Peter Moy, first as a trustee from 1995-2000, then as Village President until 2005. Peter Moy was the first Asian American to serve any municipality in Illinois as its President, making Lincolnwood a leader in minority representation; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Lincolnwood, Illinois, saw many improvements, while Mayor Moy was in office, including the business roadway known as the Northeast Parkway, the construction of the aquatic center in Proesel Park, a new public parking lot in the Touhy-Crawford Business District, and the successful completion of several economic development improvements; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Lincolnwood, Illinois, since 2005 has had Jerry Turry as mayor, serving as Village Trustee from 1995 to 2005 prior to serving as mayor. During his tenure as Trustee, he served as the chairman of the Streets and Alleys Committee, the liaison to the Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals, a member of the Police Licenses and Health Committee and Committee on Ordinances, Rules and Building (CORB); and

WHEREAS, The Village of Lincolnwood, together with its citizens, has enjoyed one hundred years as a village; now, therefore

*Be It Resolved*, That we, the Mayor and the members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this second day of November, 2011, do hereby congratulate the Village of Lincolnwood, Illinois, on its one-hundredth anniversary and extend our best wishes for continuing success; and

*Be It Further Resolved*, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Mayor Jerry Turry and the Village of Lincolnwood, Illinois.



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MARGARET LAURINO  
Alderman, 39<sup>th</sup> Ward

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