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Title: Congratulations extended to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Academy on 130th anniversary

Committee(s) Assignment:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, On May 20, 2018, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Academy (OLMCA) will be celebrating its 130th Anniversary; and,

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this anniversary; and,

WHEREAS, OLMCA was originally founded in 1888 and has operated, in part, from the same school building on Belmont Avenue to the present day; and,

WHEREAS, In 1926 the well-known English-Gothic style addition and facade which stretch down Belmont Avenue were added; and,

WHEREAS, By the 1950's, OLMCA had an enrollment of nearly 700 students from the immediate neighborhood; and,

WHEREAS, OLMCA maintains the feel of a neighborhood school while welcoming students from 20+ zip codes; and,

WHEREAS, OLMCA is proud to have a student population which reflects the cultural, religious, and economic diversity of our community and City; and,

WHEREAS, Enrollment in preschool through eighth grade has consistently grown for the past 10 years at OLMCA and is near capacity; and,

WHEREAS, In 2013, OLMCA was named a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the U.S. Department of Education; and,

WHEREAS, For decades, middle school students have participated in annual service days each year. The majority of their work has been done with neighborhood organizations and others across the City. Locations students have served in recent years include Lakeview Food Pantry, Cornerstone Community Outreach, Misericordia, The Brookdale, Little Sisters of the Poor, Working Bikes, Ted Stone Forest Preserve, and Sunrise of Lincoln Park; and,

WHEREAS, OLMCA hosts events open to 44th Ward neighbors including a Halloween Trick-or-Treating event, Christmas Lights Festival, Easter Egg Hunt, and Wildcat Den, a playgroup for infants and toddlers. Students also love to participate each year in the Lakeview East Festival of the Arts; and,

WHEREAS, OLMCA staff work tirelessly to provide top-tier academics in a nurturing environment; and,

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this 18th of April, 2018, do hereby honor the history and achievements of OLMCA; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to OLMCA.

Thomas M. Tunney

Alderman, 44th Ward