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A RESOLUTION IN CELEBRATION OF THE BAUTISTA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that the Chicago City Council acknowledges the Bautista Memorial Scholarship, founded in honor and in memory of Miguel (1925-1998) and Elvira (1931-2009) Bautista, which has supported 20 families and 45 students between 2011 and 2013; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this occasion by the Honorable Daniel S. Solis, Alderman of the 25th Ward; and

WHEREAS, a native of Mexico, Miguel Bautista migrated to the United States in 1945, and settled in our great city in 1947 where he married Elvira, native of Iowa in 1949. They were impassioned to make the "American Dream" a reality; and

WHEREAS, Filled with determination and dedication, Miguel and Elvira Bautista, opened their first establishment in 1952, "El Esfuerzo" (The Effort) a grocery store catering to authentic Mexican products and foods. Miguel and Elvira had the insight for success and began producing and selling menudo, carnitas, and barbacoa, entrees that are now known throughout Chicago land communities. Miguel came to be fondly known as "Don Mike, El Rey de Menudo"; and

WHEREAS, Miguel and Elvira extended their common Mexican meals with the opening of a restaurant called "Anahuacali" (Mayan for Casa de Mexicanos). The tantalizing aromas not only beckoned to their grateful community but also dignitaries such as, Mexico's representative Jorge De La Vega Dominguez, actors Mario Moreno "Cantinflas", & Edward James Olmos, Catholic Bishop Placido Rodriguez and the late Mayor of Chicago, Harold Washington; and

WHEREAS, Miguel and Elvira Bautista received awards for their dedication and generous services to the community from local agencies, businessmen's associations, the late Mayors of Chicago, Richard Daley and Harold Washington; and

WHEREAS, On November 26, 1998 Miguel passed away and on March 31, 2009 Elvira passed away leaving to cherish their accomplishments, six sons (2-Fireman, 3-Policemen and a Doctor, twelve grandchildren and four great grandchildren who continue Miguel & Elvira's legacy by giving back to the community through educational scholarships; and

WHEREAS, Alderman Daniel S. Solis and the Chicago City Council members wish to celebrate the outstanding contributions of our City's stellar business leaders; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 11th day of December, 2013, A. D., do hereby express our gratitude to Miguel and Elvira Bautista for their outstanding citizenship and for their myriad accomplishments which have touched so many lives. They were truly an inspiration to mankind; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Miguel and Elvira Bautista.

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