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RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING
SAINT MARY ROMANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
ON IT'S 100TH ANNIVARSARY

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that the members of the City Council of the City of Chicago are hereby informed of Saint Mary Romanian Orthodox Church's Centennial Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, On Saturday November 5, 2011 St. Mary Romanian Orthodox Church's leaders, staff and grateful congregation will gather to celebrate its 100th Anniversary. The celebration will commence with a Church Evening Service followed by Romanian music, dance and food, and on Sunday November 6th the celebration will begin with the Divine Liturgy and conclude with the 100th Anniversary Banquet; and

WHEREAS, Saint Mary Romanian Orthodox Church was established in 1911 by the first Romanian Christian Orthodox immigrants who clustered in the Greater Chicago area. These people emigrated from several regions of Romania and brought with them their traditions and culture, which have been kept dear to their hearts. Membership of the community has grown throughout the years and continues to grow as immigrants from Romania continue to come to Chicago in pursuit of new opportunities; and

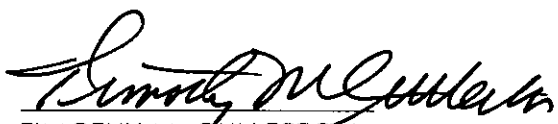
WHEREAS, The original building was located at 1345 Webster Avenue and was consecrated on May 30, 1915 while Reverend Father Cornel Foltutziu was the parish priest. In 1921 the parish relocated to 2139 N. Clyborn Avenue and stayed there until November 4, 1962 when the last Holy Liturgy was celebrated. The present church building located at 4225 N. Central Avenue was purchased and on May 27, 1962 the cornerstone was laid for a new church. On August 11, 1963 18 priests assisted Bishop Valerian D. Trifa in consecrating the new edifice; and

WHEREAS, Saint Mary Romanian Orthodox Church is one of Chicago's outstanding religious institutions; and

WHEREAS, This august body has been informed of this auspicious occasion by the Honorable Timothy M. Cullerton, Alderman of the 38th Ward; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 5TH day of October, 2011 A.D. do hereby express our gratitude and congratulations to Saint Mary Romanian Orthodox Church on it's Centennial Anniversary.

Be It Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Saint Mary Romanian Orthodox Church and Rev. Fr. George Ursache, Parish Priest.



TIMOTHY M. CULLERTON
Alderman – 38th Ward