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SALUTE TO THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE LOGAN SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, The Logan Square Neighborhood Association is celebrating its Golden Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, In 1962, the Logan Square Neighborhood Association began as a small band of dedicated neighbors. During the past 50 years, the association has grown to a \$3 million organization; and

WHEREAS, The Logan Square Neighborhood Association serves thousands of residents, providing them with education and art programs along with addressing systemic problems of housing, immigration and health as well as organizing campaigns to further its causes; and

WHEREAS, The Logan Square Neighborhood Association provides Community Learning Centers in five local schools, giving students along with their families 60 academic and arts education programs. These centers are comprised of 200 adults and 550 children. From 2001 to 2011, the attending students who meet or exceed their grade levels based on their ISAT test scores have increased from 30.6% to 69.2%. On average the lowest quartile scores have decreased from 13.9 to 3.2 during the same time period. There are 100 parent mentors working daily in school classrooms as well as 24 parent tutors aiding students who are academically "at-risk", impacting more than 3100 students; and

WHEREAS, The Logan Square Neighborhood Association has partnered with "Grow Your Own Teachers", composed of 50 parents who are given a bilingual-bicultural education, offering a bachelor's degree and teacher certification. 19 certified teachers have matriculated from this outstanding program. Last year, three books were written about the Logan Square Neighborhood Association and their educational work as well as many articles in publications including Education Week; and

WHEREAS, More than 1500 people are able to have affordable high quality health services due to Logan Square Neighborhood Association's Health Outreach Team. Their Foreclosure Prevention Outreach Team directs homeowners in crisis to Cook County's new mediation program. They have campaigned to preserve the Chicago Housing Authority's Lathrop Homes as public and affordable housing through historic rehabilitation. Furthermore, they are members of a coalition that has assisted more than 55,000 legal permanent residents in becoming citizens since February 2005; and


WHEREAS, Logan Square Neighborhood Association's health and wellness work in local elementary schools has been recognized by the Chicago Public Schools as a model. Health Organizer Lucy Gomez-Feliciano was the co-author of an article published in a special issue of Public Health and Community Development, "Ciclovía in Chicago: a Strategy for Community Development to Improve Public Health"; and

WHEREAS, A group of 32 leaders from the Logan Square Neighborhood Association community's schools, churches, and non-profit organizations were successful in bringing the Logan Square Neighborhood Association Bickerdike Redevelopment Corporation and breaking ground for the Zapata Apartments on September 13, 2011. The construction will include 61 units of affordable housing in four structures in that each will replace a vacant lot; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Rey Colón, Alderman of the 35th Ward, has informed this august body of this preeminent community based organization's significant milestone, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, gathered together this 18th Day of April, 2012 AD, do hereby salute the Golden Anniversary of the Logan Square Neighborhood Association and extend our very best wishes for continuing success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the Logan Square Neighborhood Association.



REY COLÓN
Alderman - 35th Ward