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| <b>Sponsor(s):</b>              | Smith, Michele (43)   |
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| <b>Title:</b>                   | Congratulations extended to Park West Cooperative<br>Nursery School |
| <b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b> |   |

**PARK WEST COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, Park West Cooperative Nursery School, an outstanding community institution, is celebrating four decades of "taking children and their ideas seriously"; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1971 with an educational philosophy that encourages thinking abilities above rote learning, Park West was established by a group of parents who wanted the ability to participate in all aspects of their children's first school experience, a tradition that Park West continues to honor; and

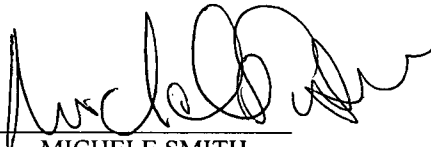
WHEREAS, Park West began with two classes, two teachers and 26 children. During the past 40 years, the school has grown to its current capacity of seven classes, 11 teachers, and 125 students. Additionally, the school offers "tot classes" for 32 toddlers; and

WHEREAS, Park West has maintained their core principles; acceptance through a lottery, play-based curriculum and parents assisting in the classroom. Forty years of parents and teachers working and supporting each other, with the common goal of creating a school with children and how they learn at the core; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Michele Smith, Alderman of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Ward has informed this august body of Park West Cooperative Nursery School's 40th anniversary celebration, 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 Park West Cooperative Nursery School's 40 years of successful early childhood preparation and wish them continuing success for many decades to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Park West Cooperative Nursery School.

  
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MICHELE SMITH  
Alderman – 43<sup>rd</sup> Ward

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