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ST. JEROME CROATIAN PARISH

WHEREAS, St. Jerome Croatian Parish celebrates its centennial anniversary of service to the Bridgeport community and this city's Croatian population; and

WHEREAS, In 1912, approximately 5,000 Croatians migrated to the neighborhood of Bridgeport in Chicago to work in the stockyards and the steel mills. In response to their spiritual needs, Archbishop James Quigley sought a priest of Croatian descent to minister to the community and the Croatian Franciscan Fathers of the Holy Family responded; and

WHEREAS, The Croatian Franciscan Fathers founded St. Jerome Croatian Parish at its initial location near 25th and Wentworth. In 1922, the parish was moved to its present location on 28th and Princeton; and

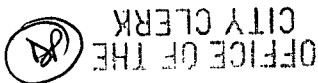
WHEREAS, In the autumn of 1922, a Croatian parochial school was established under the direction of the Sisters of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ. This group of nuns arrived from Bosnia to teach the children of that community in their native tongue. In the past 100 years, more than 2,600 students have graduated from the school; and

WHEREAS, In 1960, a new school and parish hall were built. For the past 28 years, the parish has offered classes on language, culture, history, and dance in order to keep the Croatian heritage alive. The St. Jerome grade school currently has 216 students enrolled; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable James A. Balcer, Alderman of the 11th Ward has informed this august body of the celebration of St. Jerome Croatian Parish's centennial anniversary, 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 St. Jerome Croatian Parish's century of service to the people of Bridgeport and Chicago's Croatian community as well as extend our very best wishes for its continued prosperity and success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to St. Jerome Croatian Parish.



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