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## **SALUTE TO THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF CHICAGO**

WHEREAS, On the June 28, 2012, the Junior League of Chicago will celebrate its 100 years of outstanding service to the community with a Centennial Gala at the Four Seasons Hotel; and

WHEREAS, The Junior League of Chicago has been the leading organization in training women on how to provide hands-on service as volunteers since it was founded in 1912 by Lucy McCormick Blair Linn; and

WHEREAS, The Junior League of Chicago has more than 2,000 volunteers that donate 200,000 hours to the community. Many of its past members have gone on to volunteer at leading non-profit, government, and for-profit organizations; and

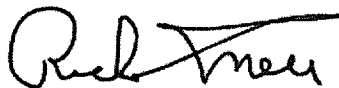
WHEREAS, The Junior League of Chicago has accomplished many notable achievements throughout the century such as launching the first children's theater in the United States in the 1920s. They funded the first consultation clinic for epilepsy at the University of Illinois in the 1940s. Additionally, they partnered with the Woods Foundation and Children's Memorial Hospital to open the first pediatric psychiatry center in the United States in the 1950s. In the 1980s, the Junior League founded Express Ways Children's Museum, known today as the Chicago Children's Museum. In the 1990s, they took part in The Next Step for Teen Moms project in partnership with the University of Chicago Department of Pediatrics. This project was aimed to help first-time teen mothers to commit to receiving a higher education and to develop career goals; and

WHEREAS, More recently in its history, the Junior League of Chicago has been focusing on a healthy lifestyle initiative. They have done so by launching several different programs such as "Kids in the Kitchen" that focuses on influencing youth to make healthy lifestyle choices in order to reverse the trend of childhood obesity and its associated health issues. Furthermore, their Health Train program, a mobile health fair for children that travels to organizations in the city and surrounding suburbs, promotes wellness. In addition, "Girls Get Gourmet" is a project for at-risk youth as well as their caregivers that promotes a healthy lifestyle through cooking demonstrations, information presentations, and exercise tips; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Richard F. Mell, Alderman of the 33rd Ward has apprised this august body of this auspicious and significant milestone for this noteworthy women's organization; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, gathered together this 6th Day of June, 2012 AD, do hereby salute the success of the Junior League of Chicago in celebrating its 100 years of service to the community and extend our very best wishes for continued success in any and all future endeavors they may wish to undertake.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the Junior League of Chicago.



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RICHARD F. MELL  
Alderman - 33rd Ward