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SALUTE TO THE STARLIGHT CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION MIDWEST

WHEREAS, On May 19, 2012, the Starlight Children's Foundation Midwest will present their annual gala at the Standard Club featuring their special guest supermodel and Starlight Midwest Ambassador, Cindy Crawford, who will bestow the Starlight Achievement Awards; and

WHEREAS, Television star Emma Samms, assisted by her film producer cousin Peter Samuelson, founded this unique organization in 1983 after Emma lost her brother, Jamie, who died at age nine from aplastic anemia. Today, the Starlight Children's Foundation serves millions of children each year with programs designed to help critically and chronically ill children and their families; and

WHEREAS, The Starlight Children's Foundation provides high-tech and hands-on programs designed to distract children from their pain, help them better understand and manage their illnesses, and connect families with others facing similar challenges to create a community so that no one feels alone. And, the foundation does this by providing education, therapeutic entertainment, and family events that help sick children cope with the pain, fear and isolation of prolonged illness; and


WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Starlight Children's Foundation has grown its presence in every section of the nation and throughout the world with offices and affiliates in Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, and Japan.

WHEREAS, Each month, Starlight Children's Foundation Midwest reaches more than 18,000 children in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin. While researchers look for cures and doctors work to restore a child's health, this premiere eleemosynary organization works to restore the spirits of both the child and the family; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Richard F. Mell, Alderman of the 33rd Ward, has apprised this august body of the remarkable work and significant contributions made by this outstanding charity; 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 Starlight Children's Foundation Midwest on the occasion of their 2012 Annual Gala, extend our very best wishes for continuing success in carrying out their important and praiseworthy mission and declare Saturday, May 19, 2012 to be "Starlight Children's Foundation Midwest Day" throughout the city in honor of the exceptional and noteworthy services they provide to some of our neediest and most deserving citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Joan Steltmann, Executive Director of the Starlight Children's Foundation Midwest.



RICHARD F. MELL
Alderman – 33rd Ward