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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

January 25, 2017

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
CHICAGO

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith a congratulatory resolution regarding Cardinal Blaise Cupich. Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Mayor

Very truly yours,

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MAYOR PAHM FMAMIIFI

IBTBQS- The Members of this Chamber are. pleased to congratulate His, Eminence Blase Joseph Cupich, the archbishop of the Roman Catholic ' Archdiocese of Chicago, oh.his elevation to the rank of Cardinal Priest; and.

WHEREAS, A grandson of Croatian immigrants; Cardinal Cupich was born on March 19; 19.49,. in Omaha, Nebraska,. He - was. ordained to the Roman Catholic-priesthood'on August46,J97.5; and'-.

'' WHEREAS, Cardinal Cupich attended.Saint John Yianney Seminary at the University of Saint Thomas in 'Saint Paul, Minnesota, .where he obtained d Bachelor's degree in Philosophy in 1971, then .. he studied in Rome at the Pontifical North American College and Pontifical Gregorian University, earning a... Bachelor's degree, in Sacred Theology .in 1974/ and. a Master of Arts de'gree in Theology in T975. Cardinal Cupich completed his graduate studi'es at.the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., where' he obtained a Doctor , of Sacred Theology degree in 1-987; and

WHEREAS, From 1975 to 1998, Cardinal Cupich served in different pastoral, leadership and instructional, capacities, including as associate pastor at.Saint Margaret Mary Church in Omaha; instructor at- Paul VI High School in .Omaha;

director of the Office for Divine Worship and as the chairman of the Commission on Youth in the Archdiocese of Omaha; instructor of the Continuing Education of Priests Program and Diaconate; Formation at Creighton University in Omaha; pastor of Saint. Mary Church in Bellevue, Nebraska; President-Rector of the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio; and pastor of Saint Robert Bellarmine Church in Omaha; and

WHEREAS, On July 7, 1998; Pope John Paul II appointed Cardinal Cupich as the Bishop of Rapid City, South Dakota, and after he received episcopal consecration from Bishop Harry Flynn of Saint Paul on September 21, 1998, he served the diocese of Rapid City from 1998 to 2010; and

WHEREAS, On June 30, 2010, Pope Benedict XVI appointed Cardinal Cupich as the Bishop of Spokane, a role in which he served as part of the American episcopacy of the Roman Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, An accomplished scholar and theologian, Cardinal Cupich was a member of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Ad Hoc Committee on Scripture Translation and was the author of "The New Roman Missal: A Time of Renewal", a work that placed the new English translation of the Roman Missal, into the Catholic Church's tradition of liturgical renewal; and

WHEREAS, On November 18, 2014, Cardinal Cupich was installed as the archbishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago, succeeding Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I.; and

WHEREAS, On July 7, 2016, Pope Francis named Blase Joseph Cupich a member of the Congregation for Bishops, and on November 19, 2016 he elevated him to the rank of Cardinal Priest and he became a member of the College of Cardinals; and

WHEREAS, In November of 2016, Mayor Rahm Emanuel and First Lady Amy. Rule led a delegation of more than eighty distinguished civic, faith, business and political leaders, as well as

students from two Chicago high schools, to Rome to honor Cardinal Cupich and to take part in his elevation ceremony; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated spiritual father and steadfast leader, Cardinal Cupich. deserves our admiration and respect for his outstanding service, leadership and for his many contributions to our great City and Nation; now, therefore, '[■. . • . . •' -

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twenty-fifth day of January, 20:1.7, do hereby congratulate His Eminence Blase Joseph Cupich on his elevation to the rank of Cardinal' Priest, and express our sincere appreciation to him for his inspirational and extraordinary life, service and accomplishments; and'

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; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Cardinal Cupich as a token of bur esteem and good wishes.