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SALUTE TO FRANCIS CARDINAL GEORGE, OMI

WHEREAS, Francis Cardinal George, an outstanding spiritual leader and member of the community, celebrates his 50th year of being ordained as a priest of the Roman Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this distinct milestone by Alderman Robert Fioretti, 2nd Ward; and

WHEREAS, Francis Cardinal George, a product of the Archdiocese of Chicago and a native Chicagoan, was ordained in the priesthood in 1963, appointed in 1997 as the eighth Archbishop of Chicago and made Cardinal by beloved Pope John Paul II in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Francis Cardinal George has spent a fruitful and significant fifty year tenure as preist, participating in the 2005 papal conclave that selected Pope Benedict XVI, and serving as one of the Cardinal electors in the 2013 papal conclave that selected Pope Francis; and

WHEREAS, Francis Cardinal George has published several pastoral letters and locally popular books, and authors a popular bi-monthly column in the Chicago archdiocesan newspaper, The Catholic New World, and is publisher of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Spanish language newspaper, Chicago Catolico, thereby reaching a diverse audience and providing his insight and wisdom to countless readers every month; and

WHEREAS, Cardinal George is not only an influential and inspirational force both in his community in Chicago and in Vatican City, but is admired as an intellectual and scholar, and it is through his administration of the sacraments and his helpful advice that Francis Cardinal George brings faith and hope to those in need of support and guidance. He truly embodies the Chicago Catholic tradition of hard work and service to community; and therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this eleventh day of December, 2013, do hereby salute the Golden Jubilee of Francis Cardinal George's ordination and extend our very best wishes in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Francis Cardinal George.