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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL MAYOR

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith, together with Alderman David Moore, a congratulatory resolution concerning Saint Sabina Parish.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Mayor

Very truly yours,

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of the Gity of Qkicago, Illinois

ALDERMAN DAVID MOORE

JULY 20, 2016

presented

MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL on

^Qh&TB&S • Saint Sabina Church, located atl210 West 78th Place, is a proud Chicago institution, whose values, energy, and spirit are woven into the fabric of our great City; and

WHEREAS, The Members of this Chamber wish to join in the celebration of Saint Sabina Church's 100th anniversary, a significant milestone that took place on July 9, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The Saint Sabina community first celebrated mass together on July 9, 1916, in a storefront on South Racine Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Despite the difficulties imposed by the Great Depression, in 1931 Saint Sabina parish took on the formidable task of constructing its grand Upper Church, and through the perseverance and hard work which characterize the community, succeeded. On Sunday, June 18, 1933, Cardinal George Mundelein dedicated Saint Sabina's beautiful new church; and

WHEREAS, Saint Sabina parish has a long history of strengthening its surrounding community, supporting not only its spiritual needs, but also its cultural, social, educational, and economic needs through events like the St. Patrick's Day Parade, and institutions like Saint Sabina's Community Center, now called the ARK, which provides after-school programs, sports leagues, and civic events; and

WHEREAS, Saint Sabina has been the home to important spiritual and community leaders, including Father Michael Pfleger, who since appointment in 1981, has been recognized nationally for his vigorous opposition to alcohol and tobacco billboards, narcotics, guns, racism, and music that glorifies violence and degrades women; and

WHEREAS, Today, Saint Sabina is a church that serves the spiritual, cultural, and social needs of its community, breaking down the walls of race and denomination so that all feel welcome; and

WHEREAS, The Faith Community of Saint Sabina profoundly impacts its community by continuing to work for peace, civil rights, and social justice, efforts which improve the quality of life not just for its own community, but extend to benefit all people in the City of Chicago; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twentieth day of July, 2016, do hereby honor and salute Saint Sabina

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Church on the 100th anniversary of its founding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Reverend Doctor Michael Pfleger of Saint Sabina Church as a token of our esteem and good wishes.