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## Legislation Text

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### **CONGRATULATIONS EXTENDED TO MANUELA "MANUELITA" DE LA CRUZ GARCIA ON CELEBRATING HER 95TH BIRTHDAY**

WHEREAS, Manuela "Manuelita" De La Cruz Garcia will celebrate the joyous occasion of her 95th birthday on August 8, 2020; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this milestone by the Honorable Michael Rodriguez, Alderman of the 22nd Ward; and

WHEREAS, Manuelita was born August 8, 1925 in Roma, Texas as an only child, before moving to Chicago in 1953, where she has called Little Village her home for over 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Always an entrepreneur, Manuelita began working at the age of eight, helping her mother wash clothes for others.

WHEREAS, Manuelita and her compadre started Alegria en Chicago, a radio show in 1968 that played musica Latina, at WXRT; and

WHEREAS, Manuelita continued her entrepreneurial spirit throughout the years, including working as a door-to-door saleswoman, selling clothes and jewelry, before ultimately retiring from General Motor; and

WHEREAS, In retirement, Manuelita used her time and resources to help raise her granddaughter; and

WHEREAS, Manuelita continued to be a strong voice for her community, participating in her Local School Council, and serving as the President of her block club for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, Manuelita participated in the 19-day hunger strike for what is now the Little Village Lawndale High School; and

WHEREAS, Manuelita is a role model for her family, friends and community, always finding a way to help those in need and is never shy to hold public officials accountable; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this twenty-second day of July, 2020, do hereby congratulate Manuela "Manuelita" De La Cruz Garcia on her 95th Birthday, and wish her continued health, success and happiness; and

MICHAEL D. RODRIGUEZ Alderman, 22nd Ward

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Manuela "Manuelita" De La Cruz Garcia as a token of our esteem, gratitude, and respect.