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Sponsor(s): Mell, Richard F. (33)

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Title: Congratulations extended to Starlight Children's Foundation Midwest on 2013 Annual Gala and Declaration of May 18, 2013 as " Starlight Children's Foundation Midwest Day " in Chicago

Committee(s) Assignment:

SALUTE TO THE STARLIGHT CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION MIDWEST 2013 GALA

WHEREAS, On May 18, 2013, the Starlight Children's Foundation Midwest will present their annual gala at the Standard Club; and

WHEREAS, This premiere event features a Silent Auction during cocktails and hors d'oeuvres where guests can bid on jewelry, vacation getaways, and one-of-a-kind experiences. Attendees can also explore the *Giving Tree*, offering them a chance to sponsor their favorite Starlight programs; and

WHEREAS, With the help of her film producer cousin Peter Samuelson, television star Emma Samms started this unique foundation in 1983 after she lost her brother who died at age nine from aplastic anemia. This iconic organization has served millions of children each year with programs focused on assisting critically and chronically ill children and their families; and

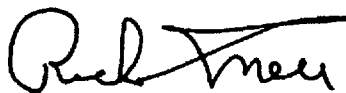
WHEREAS, The Starlight Children's Foundation provides high-tech and hands-on programs that, along with education, therapeutic entertainment and family events, help critically ill children and their families ameliorate their pain and better manage their illness. The foundation also endeavors to form alliances among those families facing similar situations, thereby creating a community so that no one faces such daunting challenges by themselves; and

WHEREAS, Each month, Starlight Children's Foundation Midwest touches the lives of more than 18,000 children in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin. While the medical community searches for cures and works to restore a child's health, this remarkable 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 noteworthy work and praiseworthy 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 8th Day of May, 2013 AD, do hereby salute the Starlight Children's Foundation Midwest on the occasion of their 2013 Annual Gala, extend our very best wishes for continuing success in carrying out their important and praiseworthy mission and declare Saturday, May 18, 2013 to be "Starlight Children's Foundation Midwest Day" throughout the city in honor of the exceptional services they provide to some of our youngest citizens.

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



RICHARD F. MELL
Alderman – 33rd Ward

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