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Resolution congratulating Sacred Heart Croatian Catholic Church on its 100th anniversary.

WHEREAS,

SACRED HEART CROATIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

saluted 100 years of faith, history, and service during a special gala celebration at 917 N. 49th St. on October 8, 2017; and

***WHEREAS,** Founded April 4, 1917, Sacred Heart Congregation, a Roman Catholic Croatian parish, purchased its first church from German Lutherans (located at 7th and Galena), and went through many changes as it strove to define itself, and in 1922, Fr. Dragutin (Charles in English) Jesih worked hard to make the parish into a thriving religious and social community for the Croatian people of Milwaukee; and*

***WHEREAS,** During Father Jesih's pastorate, he was instrumental in the founding of the national organization of the Croatian Catholic Union, along with the Young Ladies Sodality, the Croatian Eagles Soccer Club, the Altar Society and the Holy Name Society, and after Father Jesih finished his time as pastor in 1930, the priests of the Croatian Franciscan Friars, headquartered in Chicago, would continually serve the parish, now for more than 85 years; and*

***WHEREAS,** After World War II the parish moved to a new location, that being its present location on N. 49th St. near Wells St., in the Murray Hill subdivision, and the first Mass here was celebrated in November 1949, and in 1956 the parish hall and kitchen were opened, and the next year Sacred Heart Elementary School opened, cared for throughout its years by the Daughters of Divine Charity from Akron, Ohio; and*

***WHEREAS,** Over the years the church prospered and welcomed newcomers of Irish, German, Italian, Polish, Slovak, Slovenian, and other ancestries, and in the milestone year of 1991, with much spiritual and material support from our parish, the Republic of Croatia achieved statehood; and*

***WHEREAS,** The 100th anniversary celebration at Sacred Heart Croatian Catholic Church included Mass with Archbishop Jerome Listecky and a gala banquet in the Parish Hall; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Sacred Heart Croatian Catholic Church on its 100th anniversary, and recognize its historical and positive impact on the community and offer sincere wishes for its continued success; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Sacred Heart Croatian Catholic Church.*

Introduced by Common Council members Michael J. Murphy, Cavalier Johnson, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Jim Bohl, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, Terry L. Witkowski, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis and Khalif J. Rainey and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on October 17, 2017.