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RESOLUTION HONORING THE 125th ANNIVERSARY OF FRANCIS W. PARKER SCHOOL

WHEREAS, The Members of the Chicago City Council wish to recognize and celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Francis W. Parker School, a longstanding educational institution located in Chicago's 43rd Ward; and

WHEREAS, Francis W. Parker School was founded in Chicago in 1901 and was inspired by the educational philosophy of Colonel Francis Wayland Parker, a pioneering leader in progressive education who believed that schools have the obligation to foster curiosity, creativity, character development, and involved democratic participation; and

WHEREAS, For 125 years, Francis W. Parker School has provided generations of students with a world class education centered on intellectual curiosity, critical thinking, intensive learning, academic rigour, and the development of thoughtful and engaged citizens; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its history, Francis W. Parker School has cultivated a vibrant institution and community grounded in civic engagement, diversity and inclusion, and respect for the dignity of every individual; and

WHEREAS, The School's commitment to civic participation and community involvement reflects the important role educational institutions play in strengthening Chicago's neighborhoods and preparing young people to contribute meaningfully to their city and the world; and

WHEREAS, Francis W. Parker School has been a part of the Lincoln Park community for more than a century, educating generations of Chicagoans and contributing to the civic, educational, and cultural life of the 43rd Ward and the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, The School's 125th anniversary is a celebration of generations of educators, staff, students, alumni, families, and supporters whose diligence has sustained its mission and shaped an enduring legacy; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this 23rd day of September, 2026, do hereby congratulate the Francis W.

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Parker School on its 125th anniversary, recognize its historic contributions to education and civic life in Chicago, and extend our best wishes to the entire Parker community as it celebrates this significant milestone; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Francis W. Parker School as a symbol of our appreciation and recognition.

Sincerely,

Alderman Timmy Knudsen