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HONORING TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL: 100 YEARS OF EMPOWERING YOUNG WOMEN

WHEREAS, in 1917, five Sinsinawa Dominican sisters traveled from southwestern Wisconsin to River Forest to found a Catholic college for girls; and

WHEREAS, money was tight during World War I so the sisters decided to start with a high school, utilizing an existing building on the land they had purchased; and

WHEREAS, by 1922, the high school, called Rosary House, was a four-year school with a its first graduating class of 28; and

WHEREAS, Trinity High School was chartered in 1925, and the new Trinity High School opened its doors in September of 1926; and

WHEREAS, in 1933, Trinity was awarded a first-class rating. At a time when only 33 percent of the adult population in the U.S. had ever enrolled in high school, Trinity was sending approximately 75 percent of its students to college; and

WHEREAS, in December of 1941, Trinity students, now numbering 700, sold War Bonds and Stamps and were frequently recognized by the U.S. government for their impressive efforts; and

WHEREAS, in 1961, ground was broken for a new addition, and by 1968 the faculty consisted of 37 sisters, 24 lay teachers, two priests and a student population of 1,200; and

WHEREAS, with the influence of the Women's Movement in the 1970's, Trinity's curriculum grew to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing society, and this effort was rewarded with scholarships and other recognition; and

WHEREAS, Trinity's tradition of academic excellence continued with the introduction of the prestigious International Baccalaureate (IB) program inaugurated in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Trinity anticipated the next millennium in 1998 by building a Technology Center and went on in the early 2000's to renovate the library and chapel and build a new athletic facility; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, Trinity's IB program was named one of the best in the country. By choosing to remain a single-gender school, Trinity affirms its commitment to the needs of young women, challenging and preparing them to be tomorrow's leaders; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, November 5th, Trinity will open its Centennial Celebration with a mass and reception in the auditorium celebrated by Reverend Monsignor Velo.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate the students, alumni, faculty, and staff as they celebrate the school's centennial.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a ceremonial copy of this resolution be tendered to Trinity High School as an expression of appreciation for its educational tradition and achievements.

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