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Sponsor: Manuel Abarca IV

Date: June 8, 2026

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DEPARTMENT: Legislature

TITLE: RESOLUTION FOR SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH'S 130-YEAR CELEBRATION

SUMMARY: Sacred Heart Church, now known as Sacred Heart Guadalupe, is a historic Roman Catholic parish in Kansas City's West Side neighborhood with roots dating back to the late 19th century. The congregation was established in 1887 by Irish Catholic immigrants who worked in railroads, meatpacking, and farming. Services began in homes until a brick school was built in 1888, which also hosted Mass. A temporary wood-frame church was erected in the early 1890s, but the present limestone church was constructed in 1896 and completed in 1897. The church was designed in the English Romanesque style, featuring a 90-foot bell tower, arched doorways, and an ashlar limestone exterior. The original church and its parish hall remain today, while the rectory and school were demolished in 2010. It has served as an architectural landmark for the neighborhood, especially for its Irish Catholic parishioners, until the mid-20th century. The Sacred Heart congregation peaked at around 500 families but declined by the 1970s. In 1990, the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph announced the consolidation of Our Lady of Guadalupe with Sacred Heart

Church, which met in the Sacred Heart building and was renamed Sacred Heart Guadalupe Parish: two churches but one parish. The merger preserved the church's role as a cultural and spiritual hub for Kansas City's Latinx population, especially Mexican families. Today, the church stands at 2544 Madison Avenue, sharing a parking lot with Boulevard Brewing, and remains a focal point of the West Side's history and identity. The church's leadership is currently under the supervision of its current pastor, Father Luis Felipe Suarez, who has been at the parish for the past 7 years.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

NO

Amount	Fund	Department	Line-Item Detail

YES

ACTION NEEDED: COURTESY (NO LEGAL IMPACT)

ATTACHMENTS: