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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Thomas Francis Meagher has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 92; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of his passing by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

WHEREAS, Beloved husband of the late Mona L. Meagher (nee Carens), loving father of Constance (Douglas) Cole, Thomas (Diane) Meagher, Jr., Michael (Peggy) Meagher, Terence Meagher and the late Julie Anne Meagher, cherished grandfather of Ian (Jordan) and MacKinzie Cole, T.F. (Liz), Mathias and Michael Meagher, Meghan and Ryan Meagher, great-grandfather of Theodore, Sabrina, Thomas IV, Mathias Jr., Eden, Ian Jr., and Rockwell; and

WHEREAS, Tom was born in Chicago (Rogers Park) and attended St. Timothy's Grade School, St. George High School (Evanston) and St. Mary's College (now St. Mary's University in Winona, MN) where he met his wife, Mona; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduating in 1953, Tom served in the United States Marine Corps and obtained the rank of Captain; and

WHEREAS, Tom's career began with Sears and American Airlines management training programs; and

WHEREAS, He later worked for and became President of Continental Air Transport bus company (owned by Checker Motor Company) that served Chicago's hotels and airports, and while in that role, Richard J. Daley, Mayor of the City of Chicago, asked Tom to become the first President of the Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau (now known as Choose Chicago); and

WHEREAS, After serving in that role, Tom returned to Continental Air Transport as CEO and led the purchase of Continental from Checker Motors; and

WHEREAS, Years later, he sold his interest in Continental and purchased Howell Tractor and Equipment Company and PGC Golf Carts in Stuart, FL.; and

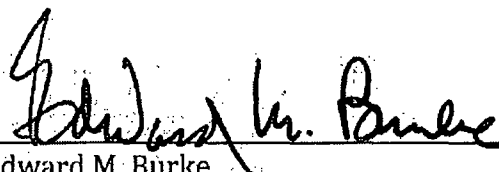
WHEREAS, Tom also served on many charitable boards including Mercy Hospital, Catholic Charities, The 100 Club of Cook County (now Illinois), and he was a founding member of Special Children's Charities; and

WHEREAS, He also served on many corporate boards including, TWA, Greyhound Corporation, UNR Industries, The PrivateBank, Inland American Real Estate Trust, Edward Lowe Foundation, St. Mary's University, Illinois State Toll Authority, and DuPage Airport Authority; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, Tom imparts a legacy of generosity, compassion, devotion to family and unwavering faith in God; now; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this fourteenth day of December, 2022, do hereby commemorate Tom for his grace-filled life and do hereby express our condolences to his family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Thomas Francis Meagher.


Edward M. Burke
Alderman, 14th Ward