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Tribute to late Tom Carey

Committee(s) Assignment:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Tom Carey has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 87; and

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

WHEREAS, Tom is survived by his wife Susan, six children and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Tom received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Notre Dame in 1955 and then went on to get his law degree from Northwestern University in 1958; and

WHEREAS, Tom coached the Mount Carmel High School football team to four sectional titles from 1956 to 1960; and

WHEREAS, Tom was the fourth of five generations in the century-plus family business, he steered the Cicero horse track, Hawthorne Race Course through declining revenues as lotteries and casinos expanded. And he helped to rebuild it, after a disastrous fire in 1978 destroyed the grandstand; and

WHEREAS, Tom also helped Arlington International Racecourse rebuild after a 1985 fire at the northwest suburban track. He offered to let Arlington run races at Hawthorne, which it did; and

WHEREAS, Tom was a member of the Chicago Sports Hall of Fame, he died in Boca Raton, Florida, where he and Susan lived during the winters; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, Tom Carey imparts a legacy of faithfulness, service and dignity; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this Fifteenth day of January, 2020, do hereby commemorate Tom Carey for his grace-filled life and do hereby express our condolences to his family; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Tom Carey.

Edward M. Burke

Alderman, 14th Ward

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