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### TRIBUTE TO SARAH "SALLY" FOY

WHEREAS, On Thursday, November 1, 2012, God, in His Infinite Wisdom, chose to call His precious daughter Sarah Foy home to her eternal reward at the age of 89; and

WHEREAS, Born December 21, 1923, Sarah Foy was a proud native of Ireland from the village of Breaffy in County Mayo. She was one of three daughters in a family of seven. Sarah and her siblings, Mary, John, James, Thomas, Patrick and Kathleen brought laughter and joy into the Kelly Family home; and

WHEREAS, After completing high school, Sarah moved to Belfast in Northern Ireland where she met and was united in holy matrimony with Patrick "Paddy" Foy on August 2, 1951. In 1953, Sarah and Paddy moved to this city where they were blessed with four children, Geraldine, Barbara, Patrick and Moira; and

WHEREAS, Sarah and Paddy Foy lived in an apartment near Diversey and Cicero before relocating to West Berteau Avenue in 1972. Although Sarah's children were rather young, she did not hesitate to work part time, finding a position with Polk Brothers. Once the children grew older, she received an offer to become a full time employee at Northern Trust Bank for numerous years. After retirement, Sarah decided to work as a part time employee for Harris Bank while devoting the rest of the time to her grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Sarah was a woman filled with an abundance of grace, charm and wisdom, capturing the hearts of many, including strangers. She was given the moniker of "Sally", a name that remained with her forever; and

WHEREAS, Sally frequently told stories about her life in Ireland. Her true passion was Irish dancing and music. She loved everything about it but especially the countless hours spent in her chair, watching the children dance. In addition, whenever the opportunity arose, Sally would go back home to visit; and

WHEREAS, The only thing that trumped Sally Foy's love of Ireland was her love of family. She was proud of each and every one of them. As her family grew with the addition of a son-in-law, Dan, and daughter-in-law, Stephanie, she embraced them with open arms but nothing made her heart swell and beat with joy and happiness as the thought or sight of her grandchildren, Tim, Jeff, Angela and Amelia. She inspired them to learn by taking them to the library, bookstores and enjoyed quizzing them on their latest schoolwork; and


WHEREAS, Sally will be eternally remembered for her kindness, compassion, strength and the depth of her love for her family as well as her passion for Ireland; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Foy is now reunited with her late husband, parents and her six siblings. Sarah leaves behind to mourn her loss, celebrate her life and cherish her memory, her loving and devoted children Geraldine, Barbara (Daniel) Salemme, Patrick (Stephanie) and Moira along with her grandchildren Timothy, Jeffery, Angela and Amelia; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Timothy M. Cullerton, Alderman of the 38th Ward, has informed this august body of the passing of this noteworthy and loving woman; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the Chicago City Council, gathered here this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2012 AD, do hereby express our deepest condolences to her family and all those lives she touched.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Sarah "Sally" Foy.

  
TIMOTHY M. CULLERTON  
Alderman - 38<sup>th</sup> Ward