

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Thomas G. Byrne has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 74; and

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

WHEREAS, loving husband of Ellen, nee Pouska-McDermott, and the late Linda, nee Hage, father of Dee (Annual) Brackin, Carrie and Thomas Joseph, devoted grandfather of Grace and Andrew, stepfather to Timothy (Kelly), Joseph (Karen) and Robert (Elizabeth) McDermott, grandpa to Megan, Shannon, Declan, Tara, Colin, Caroline, and Nora, and great-grandpa to Maura and T.J., dear brother to the late Dan (Mary), Margaret, Mary Ellen (Pat) McGrath, the late Lawrence, and Maureen (Dave), beloved cousin, uncle and friend to many; and

WHEREAS, Thomas started as a street cop and rose to the rank of Deputy Superintendent at the Chicago Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Mayors Richard M. Daley and Rahm Emanuel appointed him as Commissioner to the Departments of Transportation and Streets and Sanitation respectively; and

WHEREAS, his father and grandfather were Chicago cops, and his daughter, Carrie Byrne, who is a sergeant, carried the legacy into a fourth generation; and

WHEREAS, Thomas was a car enthusiast who rebuilt a 1952 Ford pickup truck; and

WHEREAS, his son, T. J. Byrne works as a Supervisor for the City of Chicago's Office of Emergency Management and Communication, and his other daughter, Dee Brackin works as a Chicago Public School teacher at Taft High School; and

WHEREAS, to his beloved family, Thomas 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 nineteenth day of April, 2023, do hereby commemorate Thomas 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 G. Byrne.

Edward M. Burke
Alderman, 14th Ward