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**Committee(s) Assignment:**

## *RESOLUTION*

*WHEREAS*, Mary Lee Riley has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of sixty-nine; and

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

*WHEREAS*, A longtime resident of Lincoln Park, Mary Lee Riley was the loving and devoted wife of Thomas J. Riley; and

*WHEREAS*, Mary Lee Riley was the much-adored mother of Thomas, Mary Beth, and Laura and the grandmother of seven to whom she imparted many of the fine and noble qualities which she possessed in abundance; and

*WHEREAS*, A much loved member of the community, Mary Lee Riley served for twenty years as a volunteer docent at the Lincoln Park Zoo; and

*WHEREAS*, Described as a magnetic educator, Mary Lee Riley was able to engage children in the ways and habits of every animal at the zoo; and

*WHEREAS*, Her love of animals inspired Mary Lee Riley to also volunteer with a canine-assistance therapy program which provides comfort and companionship to abused and neglected children; and

*WHEREAS*, A woman devoted to service, Mary Lee Riley served as a prayer chaplain for Unity in Chicago, and was named a "Hometown Hero" by the American Red Cross for starting Brownie Troop 784 in Chicago's Cabrini Green housing project; and

*WHEREAS*, Mary Lee Riley was tireless in her devotion to others, including her grandchildren whose interests and concerns were always foremost in her mind; and

*WHEREAS*, Mary Lee Riley inspired the lives of countless people through her great personal goodness, charity and concern; and

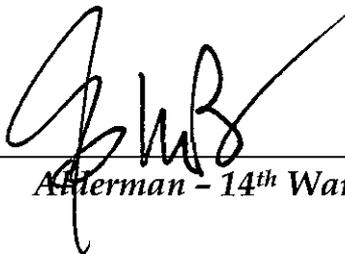
*WHEREAS*, The hard work, dedication and sacrifice of Mary Lee Riley serve as an example to all; and

*WHEREAS*, Her love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared Mary Lee Riley to her family members, friends and all who knew her, and enabled her to enrich their lives in ways they will never forget; and

*WHEREAS*, To her beloved family, Mary Lee Riley 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 fourteenth day of December, 2011, do hereby commemorate Mary Lee Riley for her grace-filled life and do hereby express our condolences to her family; and

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Mary Lee Riley.

  
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*Atterman - 14<sup>th</sup> Ward*