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Tribute to late Joseph V. Murray

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Joseph V. Murray has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 88; and

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

WHEREAS, Joseph V. Murray was a retired Battalion Chief with the Chicago Fire Department and the loving husband of the late Rosella, nee Hannet; and

WHEREAS, Joseph V. Murray was the much-adored father of Susan, Kathleen, Jayne, Patti Jo, Michael, Charlene, Mary, Timothy, James and the late Little Joe and John, the grandfather of 39 and the great-grandfather of 30 to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, Known as "Joe" to his many comrades and friends, Joseph V. Murray ably served as a firefighter for nearly four decades and was the recipient of several heroism awards; and

WHEREAS, Joseph V. Murray was one of the many firemen at the scene of the 1958 Our Lady of the Angels Fire; and

WHEREAS, On that tragic day, Joseph V. Murray climbed a ladder to one of the classroom's windows and valiantly rescued children; and

WHEREAS, A man of deep faith and character, Joseph V. Murray was a devout member of Immaculate Conception Parish where he attended daily Mass; and

WHEREAS, Following a long and highly successful career in public service, Joseph V. Murray retired in 1991 as Chief from Battalion No. 11; and

WHEREAS, The bravery, sacrifice and dedication of Joseph V. Murray serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared Joseph V. Murray to his family members, friends and all who knew him, and enabled him to enrich their lives in ways they will never forget; and

WHEREAS, Joseph V. Murray will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, Joseph V. Murray 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 thirteenth day of April, 2016, do hereby commemorate Joseph V. Murray 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 Joseph V. Murray.

Alderman – 14th Ward