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| Title: | Congratulations extended to Edward F. McElroy on 90th birthday and declaration of July 29, 2015 as "Edward F. McElroy Day" in Chicago |
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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Edward F. McElroy, a widely admired Chicago civic leader and media personality, celebrated the joyful occasion of his *90th Birthday* on July 20, 2015; and

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

WHEREAS, Raised in Visitation Parish, Edward F. McElroy served his country during World War II and is a Past National Commander and Past State Commander of the Catholic War Veterans of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, In 1955 Edward F. McElroy married his wife, Rita Marie, at a wedding attended by two Chicago mayors, Martin Kennelly and Richard J. Daley; and

WHEREAS, Edward F. McElroy is able to call everyone by his or her first name, from the highest elected official to the neighborhood crossing guard; and

WHEREAS, The stories and narratives surrounding the colorful life and career of Edward F. McElroy pay testament to the belief that who you know often makes a difference as you navigate through life; and

WHEREAS, In 1959 Edward F. McElroy was called upon by Mayor Richard J. Daley to pick up then-U.S. Senator John F. Kennedy from the airport and ended up dining with him on Rush Street; and

WHEREAS, Many decades later, Edward F. McElroy also gave another future president a ride in his Cadillac, then-Illinois State Senator Barack Obama, whom he drove home from an event and for whom he provided a tour of community newspapers; and

WHEREAS, A true gentleman of extraordinary integrity and intellect, Edward F. McElroy has been active in the field of Chicago radio news and sports and in television for more than 65 years; and

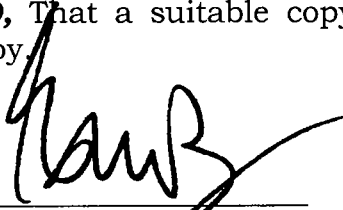
WHEREAS, Edward F. McElroy has reported for stations including *WJOB*, *WIND* and *WJJD* and has been the host of "Community in Focus" and the "Ed McElroy Show" on Comcast Channel 19 in the City and in the suburbs; and

WHEREAS, A consultant and public relations executive, Edward F. McElroy heads Edward F. McElroy & Associates and for many decades has effectively served his clients, aided by his vast knowledge of both Chicago and its people; and

WHEREAS, Edward F. McElroy is an individual who is exceedingly worthy of our great admiration and esteem; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this twenty-ninth day of July, 2015, do hereby congratulate Edward F. McElroy on the occasion of his 90th Birthday and do hereby declare that July 29, 2015, shall be officially recognized as **Edward F. McElroy Day** throughout the City of Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Edward F. McElroy.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Dan B.', is written over a horizontal line.

Alderman - 14th Ward