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Sponsor(s): Burke, Edward M. (14)
Type: Resolution
Title: Tribute to late Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua
Committee(s) Assignment:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of eighty-eight; and

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

WHEREAS, Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua led the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia from 1988 through 2003 where he ministered to one-and-a-half million Catholics; and

WHEREAS, Born in Brooklyn to Italian immigrant parents, Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua displayed a longstanding commitment to the pastoral care of immigrant families; and

WHEREAS, Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua was ordained a priest in 1949, elevated to Bishop by Pope John Paul II in 1983 and named a Cardinal in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua paid visits to all 302 parishes in the five-county archdiocese where he celebrated Mass, toured schools and visited nursing homes; and

WHEREAS, Prior to his role in Philadelphia, Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua served as the Chancellor of the Brooklyn Diocese and as Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburg; and

WHEREAS, Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua held degrees in both church and civil law, served as a legal advisor to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and headed its Pro-Life Office for three years; and

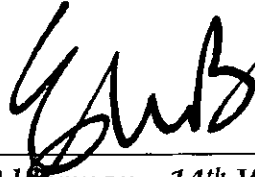
WHEREAS, Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua was committed to his vocation, working sixteen-hour days until well into his seventies and describing his schedule as “delightfully hectic”; and

WHEREAS, Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua retired in 2003 following nearly seven decades of service to the Church; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua imparts a legacy of faithfulness and dignity; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this fifteenth day of February, 2012, do hereby commemorate Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua 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 Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua.

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

Alderman - 14th Ward