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<b>Sponsor(s):</b>	<b>Burke, Edward (14)</b>
<b>Type:</b>	<b>Resolution</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Tribute to Late Honorable Garret Fitzgerald</b>
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Garret Fitzgerald has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of eighty-five; and

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

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Garret Fitzgerald was a former Prime Minister of the Republic of Ireland and the loving husband of the late Joan, nee O'Farrell; and

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Garret Fitzgerald was the much-adored father of Mary, John, and Mark, to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities which he possessed in abundance; and

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Garret Fitzgerald served as Irish Prime Minister for much of the 1980s, setting the stage for peace in Northern Ireland and working to improve relations between Ireland and Britain; and

**WHEREAS**, Negotiations between the Honorable Garret Fitzgerald and then-British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher led to the British-Irish agreement of 1985, which gave officials from the Irish Republic a formal say in Northern Ireland's affairs for the first time since the 1922 creation of the Irish Free State; and

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Garret Fitzgerald studied history, French, and Spanish at Dublin's University College before qualifying as a barrister in 1947; and

**WHEREAS**, Before entering politics, the Honorable Garret Fitzgerald established himself as an economist and acted as a journalist, covering Ireland for several foreign newspapers; and

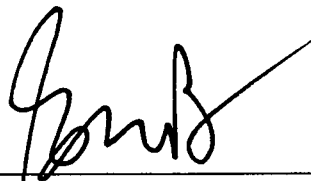
**WHEREAS**, Described as brilliant, energetic and friendly, the Honorable Garret Fitzgerald played a vital role in Ireland's relationship with the whole of Europe; and

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Garret Fitzgerald will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends, and colleagues; and

**WHEREAS**, To his beloved family, the Honorable Garret Fitzgerald 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 eighth day of June, 2011, do hereby commemorate the Honorable Garret Fitzgerald 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 the Honorable Garret Fitzgerald.

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

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