

## City of Chicago

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2/28/2018 Burke (14) Resolution Tribute to late John Gavin

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS,** John Gavin has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 86; and

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

**WHEREAS,** A renowned actor and diplomat, John Gavin was the loving husband of actress Constance Towers; and

**WHEREAS,** Born John Golenor into a wealthy Los Angeles family, John Gavin attended Stanford University and served his country in the United States Navy; and

**WHEREAS,** John Gavin was urged to go into acting by a family friend, producer Bryan Foy, and appeared in "Spartacus," "Psycho," and other hit films during the 1960s; and

**WHEREAS,** John Gavin became President of the Screen Actors Guild in 1961, a position held by future President Ronald Reagan; and

**WHEREAS,** During a break from his acting career, John Gavin was appointed Special Adviser to the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States and was assigned to promote President John F. Kennedy's Alliance for Progress which sought to boost the economies of Latin American countries; and ;

**WHEREAS,** Fluent in Spanish, John Gavin served as the Ambassador to Mexico from 1981 to 1986 under President Reagan; and

**WHEREAS,** The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of John Gavin serve as an example to all; and

**WHEREAS,** His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared John Gavin 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,** John Gavin was an individual of great integrity and accomplishment who will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

**WHEREAS,** To his beloved family, John Gavin 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 twenty-eighth day of February, 2018, do hereby commemorate John Gavin 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 John Gavin.

Alderm Ward