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Resolution

Tribute to late Mary Frances Fagan

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Mary Frances Fagan has gone to her eternal reward at the age of 63; and

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

WHEREAS, Mary Frances Fagan was a former journalist and widely respected Chicago publicist; and

WHEREAS, Mary Frances Fagan was raised in Champaign, Illinois and graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign before earning a master's degree from the University of Illinois Springfield; and

WHEREAS, From 1981 to 1989, Mary Frances Fagan was the Statehouse Bureau Chief for National Public Radio in Illinois where she oversaw political coverage and was a trusted mentor to many young reporters; and

WHEREAS, Mary Frances Fagan went on to serve as Assistant Press Secretary for Governors James R. Thompson and Jim Edgar before working for 23 years as the spokeswoman for American Airlines; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her career, Mary Frances Fagan remained a highly popular figure within media circles and was always prompt to return calls and answer inquiries; and

WHEREAS, In 2014 Mary Frances Fagan formed her own firm, Fagan Communications, which provided expertise regarding marketing, communications and media strategy; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Mary Frances Fagan serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, Mary Frances Fagan was an individual of great integrity and accomplishment who will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by her many relatives, friends and admirers; and

WHEREAS, To her brother, George, and her niece, Erica England, Mary Frances Fagan 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 Mary Frances Fagan for her grace-filled life and do hereby express our condolences to her family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Mary Frances Fagan.

Alderman – 14th Ward