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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Aretha Franklin has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God; and

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

WHEREAS, Aretha Franklin, “The Queen of Soul,” was an American music legend whose career spanned six decades; and

WHEREAS, The daughter of a minister, Aretha Franklin was raised in Detroit, Michigan, and found fame and success after signing with Atlantic Records in 1966; and

WHEREAS, One of the best-selling artists of all-time, Aretha Franklin won 18 Grammy Awards and her countless classic hits included “You Make Me Feel Like A Natural Woman,” “Respect,” “I Say A Little Prayer,” “Daydreaming,” “Freeway of Love” and “Chain of Fools”; and

WHEREAS, Aretha Franklin was the Queen of gospel-charged soul, rhythm and blues, jazz and pop music; and

WHEREAS, In 1980 Aretha Franklin appeared in the iconic movie “The Blues Brothers,” much of which was filmed in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Aretha Franklin was the recipient of our nation’s highest civilian honor, “The Presidential Medal of Freedom,” and

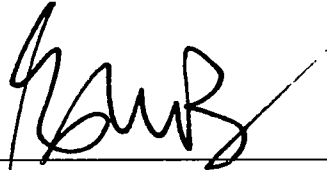
WHEREAS, The talent and dedication of Aretha Franklin serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, Aretha Franklin 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 beloved family, Aretha Franklin 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 twentieth day of September, 2018, do hereby commemorate Aretha Franklin 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 Aretha Franklin.

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

Alderman - 14th Ward