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MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that members of this Chamber learned of the death of Margaret E. "Peggy" Edsey (nee Brandt) on January 1, 2015 at the age of eighty-eight; and

WHEREAS, The City Council has been informed of her passing by The Honorable Margaret Laurino, Alderman of the 39th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Margaret E. Edsey was born on July 27th, 1926, in Chicago to loving parents Otto and Emily Brandt. Peggy, as she was known to all who knew her, met and married the love of her life the late Stanley F. Edsey; she was the doting mother of Steve (Caren), Cathy (Kevin) Collins, Mary Edsey, Chris (Vaughn) Armstrong, Don Edsey, Tom (Lynda), Mike (Pam) and David (Tracey) Edsey; caring grandmother of 18 and great grandmother of 12; dear sister to Donald Brandt; fond aunt of two nephews and one niece; and

WHEREAS, After the death of her beloved Stan in 1973, Peggy became the Community Program Developer for Catholic Charities. Several years later, she was the Volunteer Coordinator at the Southwest Suburban Council on Aging in LaGrange. She enjoyed working with seniors and took pride in improving the quality of their lives; and

WHEREAS, Peggy loved to travel and after her retirement she explored Ireland, Germany and traveled throughout the United States. She and her friends enjoyed Elderhostels in many different states and Peggy loved traveling with her daughters throughout the Midwest, especially to Branson, Missouri. She also loved visiting her daughter Chris and her family in Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, Peggy enjoyed life to the fullest, never allowing age to slow her down, she continued to do tap dancing and yoga. She loved to swim and take walks. Peggy enjoyed old movies, musical theater, and sharing a laugh by telling jokes. She relished meeting family and friends for coffee and a meal at her favorite restaurants; and

WHEREAS, Among Peggy's many talents was the gift of art and enjoyed painting but what brought her most pleasure was singing and playing the ukulele with the Park Ridge Senior Center's "Uketones" at their many "gigs" throughout Chicago. She recruited her son, Don, into the group as well.

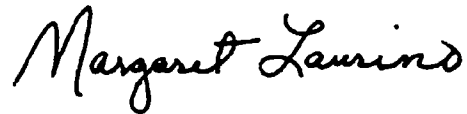
WHEREAS, Peggy brought a smile to strangers' faces and spread joy with her lively sense of humor. Her children are inspired by her generous spirit and gentle ways. She is an example of strength, patience and goodness and never said an unkind word about anyone; and

WHEREAS, Peggy was a wonderful woman whose smile, kind heart and inner warmth touched the lives of all who knew her through her kindness, her generosity, her heart and her spirit. She will be deeply missed, but the memory of her character, intelligence and compassion will live on in those who knew and loved her, now, therefore,

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Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago gathered here this twenty-first day of January 2015, do hereby express our sorrow on the death of Margaret E. "Peggy" Edsey and express to her family and friends our deepest sympathy; and

Be It Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Margaret E. "Peggy" Edsey as a token of our honor, gratitude, and respect.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret Laurino". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Margaret" and last name "Laurino" clearly legible.

MARGARET LAURINO
Alderman, 39th Ward