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RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

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TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith a resolution honoring the life and memory of Chicago's former First Lady, Margaret "Maggie" Daley.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Mayor

A resolution



adopted by *The City Council*
of the *City of Chicago, Illinois*

Presented by MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL on JANUARY 18, 2012

Whereas The Members of this Chamber were deeply saddened to learn of the death, on November 24, 2011, at age 68, of Margaret ("Maggie") Ann Daley, the wife of former Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley and Chicago's first lady for twenty-two years; and

WHEREAS Born on July 1, 1943, Mrs. Daley was the youngest child and only girl among the seven children of Patrick and Elizabeth Corbett of Mount Lebanon, Pennsylvania, where her father owned and operated an auto parts dealership. Mrs. Daley attended St. Francis Academy and the University of Dayton in Dayton, Ohio, where in 1965 she was elected "Senior Farewell Queen" by her classmates and earned a bachelor's degree in history. Mrs. Daley was subsequently awarded honorary degrees from Columbia College and the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago; and

WHEREAS After graduating from college, Mrs. Daley moved to Chicago, where she worked as a sales representative for Xerox Learning Systems. In 1970, Mrs. Daley met her future husband at a Christmas party. The couple married on March 25, 1972. After returning from their honeymoon in Europe, the newlyweds purchased their first home in Chicago's Bridgeport neighborhood and started their family. Their union was blessed by the birth of four children: Nora, Patrick, Kevin and Elizabeth; and

WHEREAS A loving and affectionate mother, who put her family first, Mrs. Daley demanded excellence from her children. She always encouraged them to enjoy life's simple pleasures, to focus on doing the right thing and remember the less fortunate, to look on the bright side and to relish life and its goodness; and

WHEREAS, A beloved wife and loyal partner in marriage, Mrs. Daley never failed to light up her husband's face when she entered the room. The great woman behind the great man, Mrs. Daley was a dignified presence at her husband's side throughout his twenty-two years as Mayor of Chicago and their own thirty-nine-year marriage. An ideal example of love and teamwork, Richard and Maggie's partnership became a steady force for the City; and

WHEREAS, As Chicago's first lady, Mrs. Daley played an active role in the City's civic and cultural life. Mrs. Daley served at various times as president of Pathways Awareness Foundation for disabled children; as chairwoman of the Chicago Cultural Foundation; as a board member of the Terra Foundation for the Arts, Golden Apple Foundation and Children at the Crossroads Foundation; and as an auxiliary board member of the Chicago Rehabilitation Institute and Art Institute; and

WHEREAS, A woman of substance, who believed in the transformative power of education, beauty and the arts, Mrs. Daley left her imprint on countless city institutions. She helped found the Francis Xavier Ward School in downtown Chicago. She was instrumental in launching Gallery 37, a program to promote arts training and jobs for Chicago youth. Under Mrs. Daley's guiding hand, Gallery 37 evolved into After School Matters, a not-for-profit organization that offers free, high-quality after-school opportunities to Chicago teenagers in the arts, science, sports, and technology and communications; and

WHEREAS, After Mrs. Daley was diagnosed in 2002 with metastatic breast cancer, her courage, strength and unflinching good cheer in the face of adversity provided hope and inspiration to other persons facing this disease. In 2010, in honor of Mrs. Daley's advocacy on behalf of cancer patients, Northwestern Memorial Hospital unveiled the Maggie Daley Center for Women's Cancer Care at Prentice Women's Hospital in Chicago; and

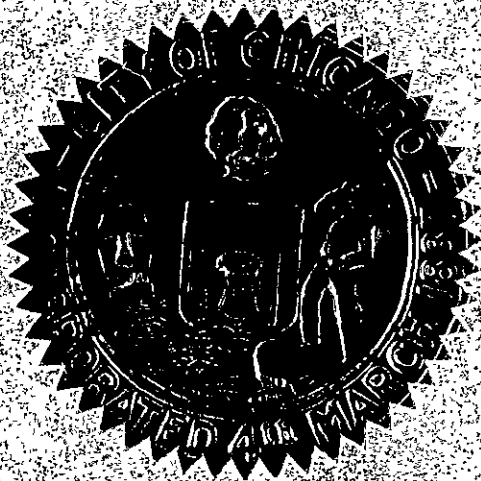
WHEREAS, A vibrant woman with a beautiful smile and many interests, Mrs. Daley loved to travel, dance, play tennis, drink tea, sing Christmas carols, decorate with flowers, collect hats and bejeweled ceramic pill boxes and enjoy the occasional piece of dark chocolate. A tender and indulgent grandmother, Mrs. Daley was especially happy to spend time with her three grandchildren and to impart life lessons to them when a "teachable moment" presented itself; and

WHEREAS, A universally respected and widely admired first lady of Chicago, Margaret Ann Daley will always be remembered as a truly marvelous woman, who captured the hearts of the residents of our great City; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Ann Daley was predeceased by her young son Kevin, who died in 1981, and is survived by her husband, former Mayor of Chicago Richard M. Daley; her son, Patrick; two daughters, Nora Daley Conroy and Elizabeth Daley Hotchkiss; her three grandchildren, Margaret, John and Kevin, and countless other relatives and friends; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this eighteenth day of January, 2012, do hereby honor the life and memory of Margaret Ann Daley, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the family of Margaret Ann Daley as a sign of our sympathy and good wishes.



Ral. Emanuel

MAYOR

Suzanne J. Mendez

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