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<b>Title:</b>	Tribute to late Honorable Terrence J. O'Brien
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## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, Honorable Terrence J. "Terry" O'Brien has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 64; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Terry is survived by his wife, Julie (nee James) for 33 years, proud father of Kevin, Therese and Patrick, beloved brother of Cathy (Bill) Eggebrecht, Greg O'Brien, John (Jean) O'Brien, Bill (the late Mary Carol) O'Brien, cherished son of the late William and Mary Therese, fond brother-in-law, an awesome uncle to many nieces and nephews, and dear friend of many; and

**WHEREAS**, Born and raised in Rogers Park, Chicago, Terry attended grade school at St. Hilary's, Loyola Academy High School, and John Carroll University in Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, Terry moved to Edgebrook, Illinois with his wife Julie in 1989 where they raised their three children and became members of St. Mary of the Woods Parish community; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2012, Terry retired as Commissioner of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago after 24 years, and 16 years as President; and

**WHEREAS**, During his tenure, Terry instituted the (800) 332-DUMP pollution hotline for citizens to report illegal dumping of materials into sewers and waterways; and

**WHEREAS**, His professional accomplishments were countless, but his greatest achievement was focusing on the completion of the Deep Tunnel; and

**WHEREAS**, Terry never missed a Board of Commissioners meeting in his 24 years of service; and

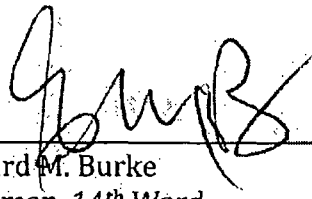
**WHEREAS**, Upon his retirement, the Northside Treatment plant was renamed "*Terrence J O'Brien Water Reclamation Plant*" honoring his years of hard work and dedication to the people of Cook County and the employees of the District; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2016, Terry founded the O'Brien Network, LLC, which offered a range of services to its clients from business development, governmental relations, consulting services, coalition building and project oversight; and

**WHEREAS**, To his beloved family, Terrence J. O'Brien 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-fourth day of March, 2021, do hereby commemorate Terrence J. O'Brien 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 Terrence J. O'Brien.



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Edward M. Burke  
Alderman, 14<sup>th</sup> Ward