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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Lois Wille, two-time Pulitzer Prize winner was a trailblazer of immense talent, fortitude and considerable charm; Louis Willie is survived by her husband, Wayne Willie and her two nephews Eric and David Kroeber, and several great-nephews and great-nieces, has gone on to her eternal reward; and

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

WHEREAS, Lois was born in Chicago on September 19, 1931 to her father, Walter Kroeber a German-born architect who had moved to Chicago in 1924, and her mother, Adele, Kroeber, was a homemaker of German ancestry whose forebears had roots in the Chicago area stretching back to the 1880s; and

WHEREAS, Lois attended high school in Arlington Heights before enrolling in Northwestern University where she received a bachelor's and master's degrees from the university's Medill School of Journalism. She was managing editor of the newspaper, the Daily Northwestern; and

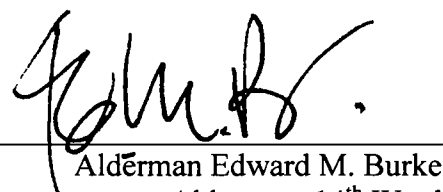
WHEREAS, Lois worked for a couple of business magazines and an insurance company before being hired by the Daily News in 1956, her first job being assistant to fashion editor Peg Zwecker; and

WHEREAS, after the Daily News ceased publication in 1978, Louis took over the editorial page for the Sun-Times eventually working for the Chicago Tribune, where she became assistant editorial page editor before taking the top spot in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Louis distinguished herself by her palpable desire to right wrongs and improve life for Chicagoans working as a reporter for more than three decades as a reporter and editor for the Chicago Daily News, Sun-Times and Tribune, when she retired from the Tribune in 1991 and; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council assembled this twenty-fourth day of July 2019, do hereby express our sorrow and extend deepest condolences to the family of Lois Wille on her passing, July 23, 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Lois Wille's family in remembrance.



Alderman Edward M. Burke
Alderman, 14th Ward