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**Meeting Date:** 11/13/2019  
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**Type:** Resolution  
**Title:** Tribute to late Geraldine M. McPartlin  
**Committee(s) Assignment:**

**WHEREAS**, Geraldine M. "Jerre" McPartlin, beloved wife of the late State Representative Robert F. McPartlin, loving mother of twelve, proud grandmother of 24, great-grandmother of 29, and great-great grandmother of 1, 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**, Jerre was born July 29, 1928 and raised on the west side of the City of Chicago where she attended Resurrection Grammar School, Siena High School and Rosary College; and

**WHEREAS**, Jerre began her career in the labor movement as a business representative for the School Lunchroom Employees Local 129 of the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees Union (H.E.R.E.) in 1976; and

**WHEREAS**, Jerre quickly rose the ranks to Vice-President of Local 1, servicing thousands of unionized workers in the hospitality and food service industries; and

**WHEREAS**, Jerre was appointed a member of the Chicago Federation of Labor's Executive Board in 1981, ultimately becoming the first woman in history elected to the Chicago Federation of Labor as First-Vice President in 1985 and honored in 1995, was named Labor Woman of the Year by the Chicago Federation of Labor for her achievements, leadership and dedication to strengthening the Chicago Labor movement; and

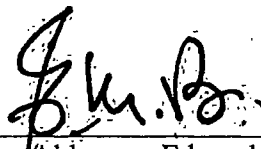
**WHEREAS**, Jerre retired from the labor movement at the age of 83, but remained a tireless community leader devoting her time and efforts unselfishly to many worthwhile causes for the past several decades, including Misericordia, Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, Mercy Hospital, Amvets Post #13, the Jesuit Partnership Foundation, Concern Worldwide USA, the Irish American Labor Council and the downtown St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee and Queen's contest, serving as Chief Judge for over three decades; and now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council assembled this thirteenth day of November 2019, do hereby express our sorrow and extend deepest condolences to the family of Geraldine M. "Jerre" McPartlin on her passing, October 16, 2019.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Geraldine M. "Jerre" McPartlin's family in remembrance.

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