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Memorial Resolution for Sergeant Kent Jacobson

WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that members of this Chamber learned of the death of Kent Jacobson on May 22, 2016 at the age of 86; and

WHEREAS, The City Council was informed of his passing by the Honorable Margaret Laurino, Alderman of the 39th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Kent attended Chicago's DePaul Academy High School and became a basketball all-star. His talent and skill as a forward earned him a place on the 1946 Catholic League senior all-star team. Later, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War and served his country with discipline and humility. His athletic ability earned him the opportunity and honor of playing on the Marine Corps' basketball team; and

WHEREAS, In 1954, Kent Jacobson joined the Chicago Police Department. During his 40 year service to the Police Department he achieved the rank of detective and worked in the sex crimes bureau. His devotion to justice led him to catch numerous sex offenders in the city of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Jacobson mentored countless young officers and strongly supported the advancement of women through the police ranks. When dealing with the public, Sgt. Jacobson reminded officers that "not everyone out there is a bad person." He realized people, young or old, make mistakes and should have a second chance. Sgt. Jacobson led by example. In one case, he insisted that a young thief be brought into the station for "a talkin' to." Years later that youth, who became a high school teacher, thanked police and Sgt. Jacobson for scaring him straight; and

WHEREAS, Kent met the love of his life, the late Constance (née Sullivan), on a blind date and in 1960 were joined together in matrimony. They were blessed with three beautiful children, Carol, Greg and Robin and celebrated over 30 years of marriage until her passing in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Kent was a traveler at heart. A devoted family man, Kent delighted in taking his family on many vacations, introducing them to different cultures and sharing a bit of history. He and his wife made it a priority for the family to spend quality time together; and

WHEREAS, Kent was an active and vital member of his community. During his retirement, he continued to devote time to his favorite charitable causes, volunteering at Queen All Saints Basilica food pantry and donating to Mercy Home; and

WHEREAS, He leaves to cherish his memory his daughters, Carol (Frank) Quintana and Robin (Tom) Kelly; his son, Greg (Amy); and his grandchildren, Constance, Eamon, Sean, Keenan and Jewel; and

WHEREAS, Kent touched the lives of all who knew him through his kindness, generosity and caring spirit. He will be deeply missed, but the memory of his smile, enduring patience, thoughtfulness, intelligence and compassion will live on in those who knew and loved him, now, therefore,

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BE IT BE RESOLVED, That we, The Mayor and members of the City of Chicago, gathered here on the twenty-second of June 2016, do hereby extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Sgt. Kent Jacobson, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Sgt. Kent Jacobson as a token of our honor, gratitude and respect for his life and his service to the City of Chicago.

Margaret Laurino

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Alderman, 39th Ward

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