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<b>Title:</b>	Tribute to late Honorable James Gerard Burke
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** The Honorable James Gerard Burke has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 78; and

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

**WHEREAS,** The Honorable James Gerard Burke was a former Mayor of Dixon and the loving husband of Lucy, nee Gugerty; and

**WHEREAS,** The Honorable James Gerard Burke was the much-adored father of Bradley, James J., Laura and Christine and the grandfather of four to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

**WHEREAS,** A "Reagan Democrat" who enjoyed a strong passion for politics, the Honorable James Gerard Burke served three terms as a member of the Dixon City Council from 1967 to 1979 and four terms as Mayor from 1999 to 2015; and

**WHEREAS,** Considered Dixon's biggest booster, the Honorable James Gerard Burke created 19 different boards during his tenure as Mayor, including the Reagan Trail Committee, the Arts & Cultural Affairs Commission and the Veterans Memorial Commission; and

**WHEREAS,** The Honorable James Gerard Burke supported the Dixon Welcome Center, the Bus Center and the Streetscape Program; and

**WHEREAS,** The Honorable James Gerard Burke was a founding member of the Dixon River Front Project in which he took enormous pride; and

**WHEREAS,** The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of the Honorable James Gerard Burke serve as an example to all; and

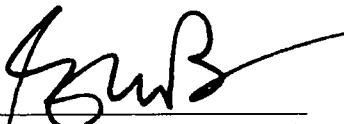
**WHEREAS,** His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared the Honorable James Gerard Burke to his family members, friends and all who knew him, and enabled him to enrich their lives in ways they will never forget; and

**WHEREAS,** The Honorable James Gerard Burke was an individual of great integrity and accomplishment who will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

**WHEREAS,** To his beloved family, the Honorable James Gerard Burke 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 sixteenth day of March, 2016, do hereby commemorate the Honorable James Gerard Burke 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 the Honorable James Gerard Burke.

  
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**Alderman - 14<sup>th</sup> Ward**