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Tribute to late Commissioner Gloria Alitto Majewski

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MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that members of this Chamber learned of the death of Commissioner Gloria Alitto Majewski on April 20, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The City Council has been informed of her passing by the Honorable Margaret Laurino, Alderman of the 39th Ward, the Honorable Thomas Tunney, Alderman of the 44th Ward, and the Honorable Timothy M. Cullerton, Alderman of the 38th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Gloria served as a Commissioner on the Board for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (District) from 1984 to November 2010 when she retired from office; and

WHEREAS, It was only after the tragic and sudden loss of her beloved husband, Commissioner Chester Majewski, that her late mother, Rose Durante Alitto, encouraged and supported Gloria in her campaign to fill her late husband's unexpired term; and

WHEREAS, Once elected, Commissioner Majewski was instrumental in expanding the District's outreach efforts by instituting a public education program and personally speaking to thousands of organizations about the District. Commissioner Majewski quickly became a distinguished leader on the Board of Commissioners and in 1986 made history when she became the first woman chosen by her fellow board members to serve as Chairman of the Finance Committee, an office she retained until her last day of service; and

WHEREAS, It was no coincidence that the District saw its bond rating improve to the highest rating it had ever been awarded during Commissioner Majewski's tenure as Chairman of the Finance Committee. Her success wasn't limited to her role on the Finance Committee but also to the Maintenance and Operations Committee and as a Commissioner Board Member to the District Retirement Fund. Commissioner Majewski also served as a volunteer for the Working in the Schools program and served as a principal for a day for many years in the Chicago Public Schools and other distinguished organizations; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Majewski received many honors and awards, the greatest of which was the renaming of the 350 million gallon Chicago Underflow Plan reservoir to the "Gloria Alitto Majewski Reservoir." She also received: the Polish American Political League's Distinguished Service Award; the Disabled Veteran's "Commander's Award;" the New Horizons Center for the Developmentally Disabled "Special Friend to Special Children Award;" the Illinois Federation of Business and Professional Women's "Women of Achievement Award;" along with countless other honors; and

WHEREAS, Gloria leaves behind daughters Joy Adelizzi and Kimberly (Tony) Feeney; She was the loving grandmother of Shannon Rose and Daniel James Feeney; Dear sister of Ronald (Elizabeth) Alitto and the late Marvin (Marie) Alitto; aunt and great aunt and friend to many. She was an avid sports fan who frequently spoke about her beloved Bears and Chicago Cubs; and

WHEREAS, Gloria was special in so many ways to those whose lives she touched. She was a generous, kind hearted, and a loyal friend. Her humor and positive outlook made working with her and being her friend an uplifting experience. She had unending pride and love for her family and will be deeply missed, but the memory of her character, intelligence and compassion will live on in those who knew and loved her, now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago gathered here this sixth day of May 2015, do hereby express our sorrow on the death of Commissioner Gloria Alitto Majewski and express to her family and friends our deepest sympathy; and

Be It Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Commissioner Gloria Alitto Majewski as a token of our honor, gratitude, and respect.

Margaret Laurino

MARGARET LAURINO
Alderman, 39th Ward

Thomas Tunney

THOMAS TUNNEY
Alderman, 44th Ward

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Alderman, 38th Ward

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