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Tribute to late Honorable John W. Darrah

Committee(s) Assignment:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Honorable John W. Darrah 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, A native of Chicago, the Honorable John W. Darrah was a widely admired federal jurist and the loving husband of Jeanine; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable John W. Darrah was the much-adored father of 10 children to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, Raised on the South Side, the Honorable John W. Darrah earned his graduate and law degrees from Loyola University Chicago; and

WHEREAS, After working at the Federal Trade Commission, the Honorable John W. Darrah served during the early to mid-1970s as a public defender and prosecutor; and

WHEREAS, Beginning in 1976, the Honorable John W. Darrah worked for a decade in private practice; and

WHEREAS, From 1986 to 2000, the Honorable John W. Darrah served as a Judge of the 18th Judicial Circuit; and

WHEREAS, In 2000 the Honorable John W. Darrah was nominated by President Bill Clinton to a seat on the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, A gentlemanly and gracious Judge, the Honorable John W. Darrah was known for his professionalism and fairness throughout his career on the bench; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of the Honorable John W. Darrah serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared the Honorable John W. Darrah 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, To his beloved family, the Honorable John W. Darrah 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 twenty-ninth day of March, 2017, do hereby commemorate the Honorable John W. Darrah 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 John W. Darrah.

Alderman - 14th Ward