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Tribute to late Daniel Francis Boyce

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, God in His infinite Wisdom has called Daniel Francis Boyce to his eternal reward; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of his passing by the Honorable Marty Quinn, Alderman of the 13th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Francis Boyce went on to his next adventure on November 7, 2021 at age 77 in his beloved Milwaukee. Born to Midge (Marion Collins) and "Big Frank" on August 25, 1944, Dan was the proud big brother of Curt (Linda Frett), Mary Frances "Sance" (the late Jim Sharpe), Patrick (Sue Porter) and the late Grace. Dan cherished his childhood years, especially long summer days spent with cousins on Indian Lake in Dowagiac, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Dan led a life rooted in love of language, learning and storytelling. Born and raised in Oak Park, Illinois, Dan was a proud Chicagoan who made Milwaukee his home by way of Marquette University. This is where he met lifelong friends, most notably Joan (nee Garbarino), his wife of 52 years. The stories from those days are legendary and laid the groundwork for the life Dan and Joan built on 90th Street with their children Collin (Margaret Huebner), Katie (Dan Ebert) Boyce and Eileen (Brad Bland) Boyce; and

WHERAS, Family was the center of Dan's universe. He passed along a love of politics, reading and writing that is alive and well in his children. Dan always made time to share a fire, a great recipe, a Badger football game or a Marquette basketball game with his children, in-laws and numerous nieces and nephews. However, Dan's grandchildren stole the show. Bridie, Michael, Declan, Norah, Aidan, Teddy and Maggie were Grampa's main source of pride, especially in his later years; and

WHERAS, Drawn to a life in public service, Dan spent 30 years working for the city of Milwaukee, retiring as the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of City Development. Dan's love of Wisconsin ran deep, especially his countless trips to the Northwoods, where tales of fishing, boat rides, and "mental backrubs" will never be matched; and

WHEREAS, Dan had an outsized influence on our lives that no amount of Irish stubbornness can erase. We will miss his stories and one-liners, but we know them by heart and are already sharing them with the next generation. We are assured knowing that in the end, he did it his way; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the Chicago City Council gathered here this seventeenth day of November, 2021, do hereby express our sorrow on the death of Daniel Francis Boyce and extend to his family and friends our deepest sympathy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Daniel Francis Boyce.

Marty Quinh

Alderman, 13th Ward