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Burke, Edward M. (14)
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Lane, Lona (18)
O'Shea, Matthew J. (19)
Zalewski, Michael R. (23)

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Resolution

Title:

Tribute to late John Kupczyk

Committee(s) Assignment:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, John Kupczyk has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of fifty-four; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of his passing by Aldermen Edward M. Burke, Marty Quinn, Toni L. Foulkes, Joann Thompson, Lona Lane, Matt O'Shea and Michael R. Zalewski; and

WHEREAS, John Kupczyk was a widely admired member of the law enforcement community and the loving and devoted husband for twenty-eight years of Elizabeth; and

WHEREAS, John Kupczyk was the much-adored father of Kristin and Katie and the brother of Nancy and David to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities which he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, A twenty-eight year veteran of the Chicago Police Department, John Kupczyk commanded the Chicago Lawn District which encompasses several of the City's Southwest Side neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, John Kupczyk joined the Chicago Police Department in 1983, and advanced quickly from Sergeant to Lieutenant to Captain and finally to Commander; and

WHEREAS, Early in his career, John Kupczyk helped coordinate a narcotics bust which resulted in the confiscation of 114 gallons of the street drug GHB; and

WHEREAS, John Kupczyk was actively involved with the Fraternal Order of Police and the Polish-American Police Association, the latter of which honored him as *Man of the Year* in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Police Superintendent Garry McCarthy credited John Kupczyk with a dramatic reduction in his district's crime numbers during 2011; and

WHEREAS, John Kupczyk was an active supporter of numerous civic organizations, including Gold Star Families and the St. Jude Police League; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his outstanding service to the people of the City of Chicago, John Kupczyk was posthumously promoted to the rank of Deputy Superintendent; and

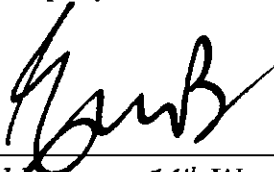
WHEREAS, The colleagues of John Kupczyk will remember him as a professional leader who devoted his life to serving and protecting the City he loved; and

WHEREAS, John Kupczyk will be remembered as a kind and generous man who lived his faith and valued laughter; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, John Kupczyk 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 fifteenth day of February, 2012, do hereby commemorate John Kupczyk 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 John Kupczyk.



Alderman - 14th Ward

Alderman - 13th Ward

Alderman - 15th Ward

Alderman - 18th Ward

Alderman - 19th Ward

Alderman - 23rd Ward