



# City of Chicago



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**Meeting Date:** 7/20/2022  
**Sponsor(s):** Burke (14)  
**Type:** Resolution  
**Title:** Tribute to late Thomas C. Looney  
**Committee(s) Assignment:**

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, Thomas C. Looney has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 81; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Tom is survived by his wife, Bridget Ellen ("Breege"), his children, Thomas, Patrick (Deirdre), Siobhan Carroll (Timothy) and Deirdre Reardon (Richard), and his grandchildren, Liam, Ciaran, Norah, Ryan, Shane, Ronan, Saoirse and Mairead; and

**WHEREAS**, The youngest of seven children, Tom grew up in the Irish Village of Ballycashen in the town of Kilnaboy in County Clare; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1960, Tom immigrated to the United States and was drafted into the Army; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1966, Tom married his wife, Breege; and

**WHEREAS**, Tom was an electrician by trade and invested in real estate; and

**WHEREAS**, In the mid-1980's, Tom and Breege became the landlords for the Abbey Pub, and after the bar's owner became ill the couple took over expanding and upgrading the space; and

**WHEREAS**, During the 30 years of operating the Abbey, it hosted performances by established musicians; and

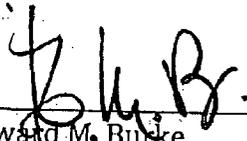
**WHEREAS**, Tom took on the role of President of the Irish American Heritage Center, and helped acquire its building at 4626 N. Knox Ave in the mid-1980's; and

**WHEREAS**, Tom became the best leader and supporter one could ever have for any Irish cause, whether it be a benefit, music, dance, sports, immigration, or Irish culture; and

**WHEREAS**, To his beloved family, Thomas C. Looney 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 twentieth day of July, 2022, do hereby commemorate Thomas C. Looney 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 Thomas C. Looney.



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Edward M. Burke  
Alderman, 14<sup>th</sup> Ward