



# City of Chicago



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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	6/28/2017
<b>Sponsor(s):</b>	Burke (14)
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<b>Title:</b>	Tribute to late Jimmy Piersall
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Jimmy Piersall has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 87; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Jimmy Piersall was a colorful White Sox broadcaster and Major League outfielder who played for seventeen seasons; and

**WHEREAS**, A native of Waterbury, Connecticut, Jimmy Piersall made his first appearance as a professional ballplayer in 1950; and

**WHEREAS**, Jimmy Piersall played from 1950 to 1967 with teams that included the Red Sox, Indians, Senators, Mets and Angels; and

**WHEREAS**, Jimmy Piersall was a two-time All-Star and Gold Glove winner who played center field; and

**WHEREAS**, Jimmy Piersall earned a .272 career batting average with 256 doubles, 52 triples and 591 runs batted in; and

**WHEREAS**, The legendary Ted Williams once called Jimmy Piersall the greatest center fielder he ever saw; and

**WHEREAS**, The outspoken Jimmy Piersall will long be remembered for teaming up with Harry Caray to announce Chicago White Sox games from 1977 to 1981; and

**WHEREAS**, Jimmy Piersall was later a roving outfield instructor for the Chicago Cubs; and

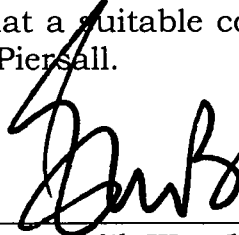
**WHEREAS**, The hard work, talent and dedication of Jimmy Piersall serve as an example to all; and

**WHEREAS**, His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared Jimmy Piersall 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, Jimmy Piersall 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-eighth day of June, 2017, do hereby commemorate Jimmy Piersall 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 Jimmy Piersall.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Dan B.', is written over a horizontal line.

**Alderman - 14<sup>th</sup> Ward**