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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	1/21/2015
<b>Sponsor(s):</b>	Burke (14)
<b>Type:</b>	Resolution
<b>Title:</b>	Tribute to late Celene Siedlecki
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Celene Siedlecki has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 86; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Celene Siedlecki was the loving wife for 65 years of Charles, C., a retired Chicago Police Department Commander; and

**WHEREAS**, Celene Siedlecki was a popular South Side funeral director for more than 60 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Gentle, forgiving and generous, Celene Siedlecki was the much-adored mother of Charles and Patrick and the grandmother of three; and

**WHEREAS**, Born and raised in Canaryville, Celene Siedlecki studied at the Worsham College of Mortuary Science; and

**WHEREAS**, Celene Siedlecki was proud of her roots in the neighborhood where in 1873 her grandfather established the original Thomas McInerney's Sons Funeral Home, one of Chicago's oldest mortuaries; and

**WHEREAS**, Celene Siedlecki was the last surviving member of a trio of sisters that took over the operation of the funeral home at 4635 South Wallace Street during the 1960s; and

**WHEREAS**, The funeral home was mentioned in Mike Royko's book "Boss" because it was often visited during wakes by Mayor Richard J. Daley; and

**WHEREAS**, Celene Siedlecki always faced life's adversities with dignity, grace and courage; and

**WHEREAS**, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Celene Siedlecki serve as an example to all; and

**WHEREAS**, Celene Siedlecki will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by her many relatives, friends and admirers; and

