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Title:	Tribute to late Reverend Patrick J. McPolin
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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Reverend Patrick J. McPolin has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of ninety-six; and

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

WHEREAS, The Reverend Patrick J. McPolin was a widely admired Claretian priest and a former Provincial of the order's Western Province; and

WHEREAS, A native of Chicago, the Reverend Patrick J. McPolin was the son of Irish immigrant parents and attended St. Jude, Silver Peak and Dominguez seminaries; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Patrick J. McPolin was the first American to join this then new order of Spanish priests in the United States and was ordained in 1943; and

WHEREAS, Following his ordination, the Reverend Patrick J. McPolin returned to Chicago to work in various south side parishes with large Latino populations, ministering to at-risk teens and serving as the Chaplain for the Chicago Police Department's St. Jude League; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Patrick J. McPolin was on the scene of Chicago's tragic Our Lady of the Angels school fire where he comforted victims and performed last rights for several of the ninety-three children and Sisters who perished in the blaze; and

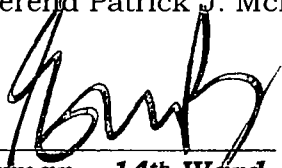
WHEREAS, The Reverend Patrick J. McPolin returned to California in 1965 and served as Provincial until 1971; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Patrick J. McPolin later turned his attention to Dominguez Seminary in Dominguez Hills, where he was instrumental in restoring the Dominguez family homestead, which is used by the order, and became an expert in early California history; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, the Reverend Patrick J. McPolin 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 twelfth day of September, 2012, do hereby commemorate the Reverend Patrick J. McPolin 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 the Reverend Patrick J. McPolin.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob", written over a horizontal line.

Alderman - 14th Ward