



# City of Chicago



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**Title:** Tribute to late Jean Marie Burke Foran  
**Committee(s) Assignment:**

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Jean Marie Burke Foran has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God; and

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

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Jean Marie Burke Foran was the loving wife of the late Thomas, a former United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Jean Marie Burke Foran was the much-adored mother of Elizabeth, John, Julie, Edmund, Stephen and Regina, the grandmother of sixteen and the great-grandmother of thirteen to whom she imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that she possessed in abundance; and

**WHEREAS**, Raised in Chicago, the Honorable Jean Marie Burke Foran graduated from Providence High School and Rosary College in River Forest where she studied speech and drama; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1975 the Honorable Jean Marie Burke Foran was named by Mayor Richard J. Daley to serve as Chicago Park District Commissioner and became the first woman to hold that post; and

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Jean Marie Burke Foran fought to keep the Lincoln Park Zoo free to the public and advocated for the return of mounted police units; and

**WHEREAS**, Along with her husband, the Honorable Jean Marie Burke Foran opened a Montessori School in Cabrini-Green; and

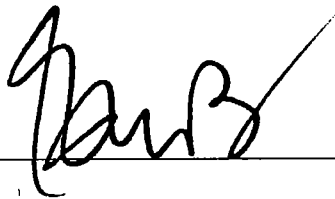
**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Jean Marie Burke Foran served for more than a decade as a consultant to the Village of Rosemont; and

**WHEREAS**, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of the Honorable Jean Marie Burke Foran serve as an example to all; and

**WHEREAS**, To her beloved family, the Honorable Jean Marie Burke Foran 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-sixth day of July, 2017, do hereby commemorate the Honorable Jean Marie Burke Foran for her grace-filled life and do hereby express our condolences to her family; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of the Honorable Jean Marie Burke Foran.

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

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