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Tribute to late Joseph Mendrick

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Joseph Mendrick has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 73; and

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

WHEREAS, Joseph Mendrick was a widely admired member of the law enforcement community and the loving husband for 46 years of Nanette; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Mendrick was the much-adored father of Bill and James and the grandfather of five to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Mendrick was the dear brother of Edward; and

WHEREAS, A native of Chicago, Joseph Mendrick was raised in Cicero; and

WHEREAS, Known for his humility and understated style, Joseph Mendrick enjoyed a highly successful 35-year career with the Oak Park Police Department where he served as Chief from 1991 to 2001; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure, Joseph Mendrick increased diversity within the ranks of the department, especially at the command level; and

WHEREAS, While working in law enforcement, Joseph Mendrick earned an associate degree from Triton College and a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Aurora University; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Joseph Mendrick serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared Joseph Mendrick 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, Joseph Mendrick was an individual of great integrity and accomplishment who will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, Joseph Mendrick 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 fifth day of October, 2016, do hereby commemorate Joseph Mendrick 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 Joseph Mendrick.

Alderman - 14th Ward