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Tribute to late John E. McGrath

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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has called John E. McGrath to his eternal reward; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of his passing by the Honorable Marty Quinn, Alderman of the 13<sup>th</sup> Ward; and

WHEREAS, John "Jack" Edward McGrath passed away peacefully on March 24,2016 surrounded in love by his family after a short but courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

WHEREAS, Jack was one of a set of twins born to the late Helen McGrath nee Monahan and the late John J. McGrath on January 5, 1936 in Chicago, IL. On August 24, 1957, he married his love, Virginia (Toni) Lizzio in Chicago, IL.

WHEREAS, Dearest husband of 59 years to Toni, loving father to four wonderful daughters, Karen (Dieter) Brand, Beth (Mike) Lawler, Christine (Tara Denise) McGrath and Tracy (Joe Vicari) McGrath. Devoted grandfather to eight wonderful grandchildren, Katharine (Tony Tedesco), Douglas and Kyle Brand, Adam (Rachael), Jacqueline (Mickey Martin) and Phillip Lawler, and Madeleine and Jackson Denise-McGrath. Dedicated great-grandfather to three perfect great-grandchildren, Max and Isabelle Lawler and Mila Tedesco. Fond brother to Geraldine (late Leroy) Ruff, late Patricia (William) Mellicant, late James (late Maryanne) McGrath, late Robert (late Darlene) McGrath, late Jeannie (late Larry) Ferenzi, late Mary (late Joseph) Flores, late Thomas (Janet) McGrath, and the late Patrick (Patricia) McGrath; cherished uncle of many, many nieces and nephews.

WHEREAS, Some of Jack's favorite things, besides his family, were Huck Finn Donuts, ice cream, Portillo's pencils which he used to complete his crossword puzzles, poker with his siblings and going to the Casino. He also had a voracious reading habit. Jack was known to bestow special nicknames on all of his children and grandchildren. He proudly wore his Chicago Police and Fire department t-shirts from his nephews and College t-shirts from his grandchildren. Jack was an over the road truck driver who could give you directions to anywhere in the Midwest and tell you which Truck stops had the best food.

WHEREAS, John E. McGrath leaves a legacy of faith, dignity, compassion and love; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the Chicago City Council gathered here this eighteenth day of May, 2016, hereby express our sorrow on the death of John E. McGrath and extend to his family and friends our deepest sympathy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy be presented to the family of Matthew Smith.

Marty Quinn

Alderman, 13<sup>th</sup> Ward

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