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Title:	Tribute to late McHenry County Sheriff Police Deputy Jacob Keltner
Committee(s) Assignment:	

WHEREAS, on the morning of March 7, 2019, a shooting carried out by a lone gunman in the parking lot of an Extended Stay America hotel in Rockford claimed the life of McHenry County Sheriff's Police Deputy Jacob Keltner; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago City Council has been informed of his tragic death by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Jacob Keltner, a resident of Crystal Lake, and a twelve-and-a-half-year veteran assisting the U.S. Marshal's Fugitive Task Force attempted to serve an arrest warrant on the criminal suspect inside the hotel when shots rang out from a third-story window; and

WHEREAS, the shooter jumped from the window and fled, but was taken into custody in Logan County at 5:00 p.m. that same day; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Jacob Keltner, the loving husband of Becki Keltner, the father of two young children, Caleb and Carson, grew up in Villa Park, Illinois and attended St. John the Apostle School; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Jacob Keltner graduated from Western Illinois University with a degree in Spanish and a minor in law enforcement and justice administration before entering the law enforcement profession; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Jacob Keltner, a respected friend and colleague to many, was instilled with a passion to serve the public; and

WHEREAS, in a moving tribute to her late husband, Becki Keltner wrote: "My husband was a 'cop's cop.' He loved everything about his job and looked forward to going to work every day. He was a true patriot who wanted to protect the people of this country" – a heart-felt sentiment shared by the people of Illinois from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, this tragedy has touched the lives of many people; and

WHEREAS, in the State of Florida, a ten-year-old boy, hearing of this awful tragedy, honored the memory of Deputy Jacob Keltner by running one-mile run with the Blue Line Flag in hand; and

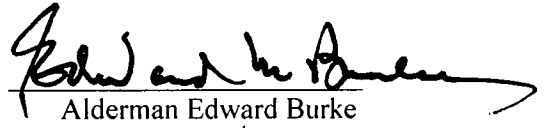
WHEREAS, the flag carried by Zechariah Cartledge has been sent to the Keltner family in remembrance; and

WHEREAS, Rockford Christian High School and the middle schools raised \$3,000 for Deputy Jacob Keltner's family through the school's "Casual for a Cause" program; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Jacob Keltner will be remembered by the Chicago Police Chaplains at a Police Mass and special tribute on March 24, 2019, at the Mercy Home; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this thirteenth day of March, 2019 do hereby express our prayers and profound sorrow to Becki Keltner, their children Carson and Caleb, and members of the extended Keltner family on the tragic loss of a husband, a father, and a heroic and honored public servant who has been called home to God; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Becki Keltner.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward Burke", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alderman Edward Burke
Alderman – 14th Ward