



# City of Chicago



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**Title:** Tribute to late Honorable Marilou von Ferstel  
**Committee(s) Assignment:**

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Marilou von Ferstel has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 78; and

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

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Marilou von Ferstel was a former member of the Chicago City Council and the loving wife for 25 years of Baron Henry von Ferstel; and

**WHEREAS**, Born in Cook County Hospital in 1937, the Honorable Marilou von Ferstel was adopted by James and Luise McCarthy; and

**WHEREAS**, Raised in the Edgewater Beach Hotel on the North Side, the Honorable Marilou von Ferstel graduated from Barat College and earned a master's degree in public policy from the University of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Widely recognized for her intelligence and boundless energy, the Honorable Marilou von Ferstel blazed a trail for women in journalism, politics and business; and

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Marilou von Ferstel began her career with the *Chicago Tribune* where she worked as a society columnist; and

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Marilou von Ferstel served from 1971 to 1975 as the Alderman of the 48<sup>th</sup> Ward and was one of the first two women elected to the Chicago City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Marilou von Ferstel served one term in office and was later appointed by Mayor Richard J. Daley to the Zoning Board of Appeals and held leadership positions on the Democratic National Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, During her long and highly successful career, the Honorable Marilou von Ferstel also ran two public relations companies and served as a Director of Walgreens and as a Life Trustee of Rush University Medical Center; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1992 the Honorable Marilou von Ferstel was named by Mayor Richard M. Daley to a commission charged with examining the mayor's plan to allow a \$2 billion casino and hotel complex in downtown Chicago; and

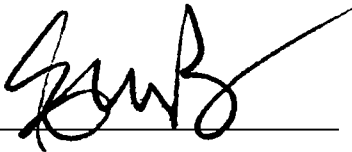
**WHEREAS,** The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of the Honorable Marilou von Ferstel serve as an example to all; and

**WHEREAS,** The Honorable Marilou von Ferstel was an individual of great integrity and accomplishment who will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by her many relatives, friends and admirers; and

**WHEREAS,** To her beloved family, the Honorable Marilou von Ferstel 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 fourteenth day of September, 2016, do hereby commemorate the Honorable Marilou von Ferstel 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 Marilou von Ferstel.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'GWB', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

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