



City of Chicago



R2014-487

Office of the City Clerk

Document Tracking Sheet

Meeting Date: 6/25/2014
Sponsor(s): Burke (14)
Type: Resolution
Title: Tribute to late Lady Mary Soames
Committee(s) Assignment:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Lady Mary Soames has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 91; and

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

WHEREAS, Lady Mary Soames was the loving wife of the late Lord Christopher Soames; and

WHEREAS, Lady Mary Soames was the last-surviving child of British Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill and his wife, Clementine; and

WHEREAS, Born Mary Spencer-Churchill, Lady Mary Soames was raised at Chartwell, educated at Limpsfield, and enjoyed a lifetime of distinguished public service; and

WHEREAS, Lady Mary Soames was an eye witness to pivotal events and accompanied her father on historic trips, including the 1945 Potsdam Conference, where the future of post World War II Germany and Europe was discussed; and

WHEREAS, A successful author, Mary Soames wrote the autobiography of her mother, *Clementine Churchill*, and edited a collection of her parents' letters; and

WHEREAS, Lady Mary Soames was an indispensable resource to Sir Martin Gilbert who wrote the authorized biography of her father; and

WHEREAS, In later life, Lady Mary Soames became a patron of leading charities; and

WHEREAS, Lady Mary Soames was the mother of the Honorable Emma, Honorable Jeremy, Honorable Charlotte, Honorable Rupert and the Right Honorable Nicholas, a former Member of Parliament; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Lady Mary Soames serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, Lady Mary Soames 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, Lady Mary Soames 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-fifth day of June, 2014, do hereby commemorate Lady Mary Soames 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 Lady Mary Soames.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'BMB', is written above a horizontal line.

Alderman - 14th Ward