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Burke (14)

Resolution

Tribute to late Honorable Martin McGuinness

Committee(s) Assignment:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Honorable Martin McGuinness has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God; and

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

WHEREAS, The Honorable Martin McGuinness was a former Provisional Irish Republican Army (IRA) leader turned politician and peacemaker; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Martin McGuinness was one of the main architects of the Good Friday Agreement which cemented the peace process that brought stability to Northern Ireland; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Martin McGuinness was a Sinn Féin leader who served as a Member of Parliament for Mid-Ulster from 1997 to 2013; and

WHEREAS, Following the Assembly election of 2007, the Honorable Martin McGuinness became the Deputy First Minister of Northern Ireland, a position in which he served until January of 2017; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Martin McGuinness was Minister of Education from 1999 to 2002; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Martin McGuinness was Sinn Féin's candidate for President in the 2011 election; and

WHEREAS, Sinn Féin President Gerry Adams called the Honorable Martin McGuinness a "passionate republican who worked tirelessly for peace and reconciliation and for the re-unification of his country"; and

WHEREAS, Irish Prime Minister Enda Kenny said the passing of the Honorable Martin McGuinness represented a "significant loss, not only to politics in Northern Ireland, but to the wider political landscape on this island and beyond"; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of the Honorable Martin McGuinness serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, the Honorable Martin McGuinness 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 nineteenth day of April, 2017, do hereby commemorate the Honorable Martin McGuinness 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 the Honorable Martin McGuinness.

Alderman – 14th Ward