



# City of Chicago



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<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has called Frank M. Jerbich 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, Frank M. Jerbich, at rest June 13, 2021, 92 years young; and**

**WHEREAS, Frank was very resourceful and believed in building lasting relationships. He lived his life on his own terms without regrets. Those who were close to him saw his passion in action and how his big heart seemed to fill the room; and**

**WHEREAS, Frank was born on February 21, 1929 in Oak Park, IL to Mihalj and Anna (Hadera). Along with his younger brother, Joseph they lived in the Holy Trinity Croatian Parish in the Pilsen neighborhood; and**

**WHEREAS, In 1956, Frank married Isabelle 'Issy' Zapolsky (who was widowed) and become a stepdad to Nadine and the twins, Tom & Edward. Soon to arrive, Catherine and Michael. This blended family grew up in their West Lawn home in which Frank remained until his passing. After 32 years of marriage, Issy passed in 1987 and Tom passed in February 2021; and**

**WHEREAS, His career as a Machinist started at the Gross Printing Company in 1947. Moving to the first printing press for Wall Street Journal and later Oak Forest Hospital retiring from the Chicago Police Department in 1993; and**

**WHEREAS, Later in life, he reunited with a fellow Harrison High School alumni, Marie Culjak McGuckin and for the next 30 years their shared love of music, attending many operas and tamburitza performances and just as many social and business meetings, and**

**WHEREAS, Over the years, dozens of organizations prospered from Frank's dedication and loyalty. With the Boys Scouts of America, as proud Union member of IAMAW for 74 years, serving as Adjutant for American Legion Pilsen Post #825,**

**Board Member of National Federation of Croatian Americans (NFCA) and President of the Croatian Fraternal Union (CFU) Sloboda Lodge 32. He was also a member of the Harrison High School Alumni; and**

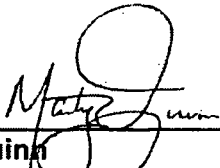
**WHEREAS, Frank attended every music festival, convention and meeting possible bringing his sense of duty, passion for fraternalism and friendship. He enjoyed visiting with old friends and making new ones. Generations knew Frank and he would share stories of their parents or grandparents with the youngest; and**

**WHEREAS, He shared his good fortune with many. Those he met received a token of good luck in the way of gold coins (Teaching along the way: Coins are minted at two locations - Denver and Pennsylvania). His extra special, one-of-a-kind gift was a two-dollar bill whose serial numbers matched your age or birth year. It was his own way of honoring your celebration; and**

**WHEREAS, Frank showed us all how to live life to the fullest. Živjeli! Dobro proživljenom životu!; and**

**BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the Chicago City Council gathered here this twenty-third day of June, 2021, hereby express our sorrow on the death of Frank M. Jerbich and extend to his family and friends our deepest sympathy.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy be presented to the family of Frank M. Jerbich.**

  
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**Marty Quinn**  
**Alderman, 13<sup>th</sup> Ward**