

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Michael R. Eiben has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 79; and

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

WHEREAS, beloved husband of Suzanne "Suzy" Eiben (nee Scanlan) for 53 years, loving father of Jennifer (Michael) Gervasio, Larry (Ann) Eiben, Gretchen (Sean) Lyons, and Emily (Luke) Lyons, proud "Papa" of George, Suzanne, Charlie, and James Gervasio, Michael, Leo, Genevieve, and Loretta Eiben, Elise, Emily, Julia, and Thomas Lyons, Olivia, Luke, and Quinn Lyons, beloved son of the late Lawrence and Rita (Bloomfield) Eiben, loving brother of Mary Ellen Hoyt, Therese, and Peter Eiben, and the late Judith Hall, cherished uncle to the Eiben, Batdorf, Hoyt, Brown, Doran and Scanlan families; and

WHEREAS, Michael was born in Cleveland, Ohio where he attended St. Edward's High School and graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a Degree in Architecture; and

WHEREAS, at Notre Dame he was a member of the Naval ROTC and a monogram winning member of the wrestling team; and

WHEREAS, Michael went on to serve as a Naval Officer in Vietnam from 1966-1968 and was a highly decorated Officer-in-Charge of Beach Jumper Unit 1, a Naval Special Warfare Team; and

WHEREAS, he was awarded the Naval Achievement Medal with combat "V" for his service during the Battle of Khe Sanh, during the Tet Offensive; and

WHEREAS, after the war he married the love of his life Suzy Scanlan and settled in the Beverly neighborhood in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Michael worked at Chicago-based Bertrand Goldberg & Associates before launching his own successful architectural and computer engineering firm; and

WHEREAS, in 1979 he was appointed by President Jimmy Carter to serve on the Special White House Task Force on Small Business representing military veterans' interests; and

WHEREAS, he also served as Commissioner of the Urban Renewal Board and the Commercial District Development Board helping to establish the Theatre District and Block 37; and

WHEREAS, to his beloved family, Michael imparts a legacy of generosity, compassion, devotion to family and unwavering faith in God; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this nineteenth day of April, 2023, do hereby commemorate Michael 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 Michael R. Eiben.

Edward M. Burke
Alderman, 14th Ward