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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Mary “Merry” Featherston, has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 77; and,

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of her passing by Alderman Thomas Tunney; and,

WHEREAS, as a lifelong Chicagoan, Mary was born in the Wicker Park neighborhood and lived there for the first six years of her life before moving to Lakeview, where she remained for the rest of her life; and,

WHEREAS, as the devoted mother to Roberta, Mary, David and Theresa, Mary raised her children in the Wrigleyville area; and,

WHEREAS, her dedication as a volunteer to numerous LGBT health and cultural groups, earned Mary a spot in the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame as a Friend of the Community in 2005; and,

WHEREAS, Mary was especially passionate about the Chicago's three gay choruses – the Windy City Gay Chorus and Chicago Gay Men's Chorus and the Chi-Town Squares; and,

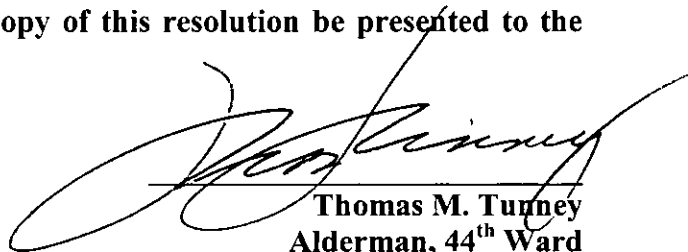
WHEREAS, as a tireless volunteer, Mary dedicated much of her time to the Howard Brown Health Center, the NAMES Project, Unison, Dignity/Chicago, Archdiocesan Gay and Lesbian Outreach, Little Brothers-Friends of the Elderly and Vital Bridges' GroceryLand Pantry; and,

WHEREAS, as the doting grandmother to five grandchildren and one great grandchild, Mary enjoyed spending time with them; and,

WHEREAS, Mary's love of life and her ability to live it to the fullest endeared Mary to her family, friends and all who knew her, and enabled her to enrich their lives in ways they will never forget; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this 18th day of January, 2012, do hereby honor the life and memory of Mary “Merry” Featherston and extend our heartfelt condolences to her family; and,

Be It Further Resolved, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Mary “Merry” Featherston.



**Thomas M. Tunney
Alderman, 44th Ward**