



# City of Chicago



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Office of the City Clerk

## Document Tracking Sheet

**Meeting Date:** 4/10/2019

**Sponsor(s):** Burke (14)

**Type:** Resolution

**Title:** Congratulations extended to Joanne Gaus Day on retirement from St. Richard's Catholic Elementary School and recognition of May 19, 2019 as "Joanne Gaus Day, Day" in Chicago

**Committee(s) Assignment:**

**WHEREAS**, Joanne Gaus Day, a first grade teacher, is retiring from St. Richard's Catholic Elementary School after fifty-years of distinguished service to the community and to the many generations of students whose lives she has deeply and profoundly touched; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chicago City Council has been informed of her retirement by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

**WHEREAS**, Joanne Gaus Day, who grew up in the Beverly neighborhood, is a graduate of St. Cajetan Catholic Elementary School; Morgan Park High School; and Chicago State University where she minored in English; and

**WHEREAS**, Joanne Gaus Day began her career in elementary education at St. Richard's in the fall of 1968 as a third grade teacher; and

**WHEREAS**, over the years Joanne Gaus Day taught second and third grade homeroom; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1991 she began teaching second grade as a homeroom teacher; and

**WHEREAS**, among her varied assignments, Joanne Gaus Day taught math to first through third graders and science to second and third graders; and

**WHEREAS**, Joanne Gaus Day inspired and enriched her pupils, while at the same time making learning fun through interactive participation in Halloween Pumpkins; Thanksgiving bean turkey or cornucopia pictures, Dinosaur Dioramas; President's Day biography projects and embryology, where students observe chicken eggs hatch and children get to name the chicks; and

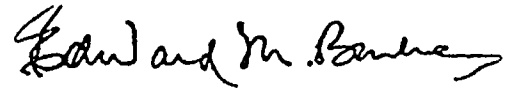
**WHEREAS**, Joanne Gaus Day initiated the Summer Adventure Program featuring weekly field trips, arts, crafts and recreation and has run every aspect of it for the past five years; and

**WHEREAS**, over the years Joanne Gaus Day has been nominated for many teaching awards during her fifty years at St. Richard's and was a recipient of the Heart of St. Richard award in 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, as a committed educator with exceptional ability, Joanne Gaus Day has devoted considerable time in leading extracurricular activities including the I-Pad Club, the game club, woodworking and ceramics as a means of stimulating an appreciation for the creative arts and continuous learning; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council assembled this tenth day of April 2019, do hereby congratulate Joanne Gaus Day on her retirement from St. Richard's Catholic Elementary School and proclaim May 19, 2019 as "Joanne Gaus Day, Day" in Chicago; and

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Joanne Gaus Day.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward M. Burke". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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Alderman Edward M. Burke  
Alderman, 14<sup>th</sup> Ward