



# City of Chicago



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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	12/14/2022
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<b>Type:</b>	Resolution
<b>Title:</b>	Congratulations extended to Judy Carline Woodruff career with PBS NewsHour as anchor and managing editor
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, The Chicago City Council has been informed of Judy Carline Woodruff's departure of *PBS NewsHour* as anchor and managing editor on December 30, 2022 by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

**WHEREAS**, Judy is the anchor and managing editor of *PBS NewsHour* and will be stepping down at the end of the year, but plans to continue contributing to the program as senior correspondent; and

**WHEREAS**, Judy is an American broadcast journalist who has worked in network, cable, and public television news since 1976; and

**WHEREAS**, Judy was born on November 20, 1946, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, to William H. Woodruff, a chief warrant officer in the Army, and Anna Lee (née Payne) Woodruff; and

**WHEREAS**, She has one sister, Anita in which both grew up as army brats, and because of that moved multiple times during their childhood, attending seven schools between kindergarten and seventh grade; and

**WHEREAS**, After graduating from Duke University in 1968, Judy entered local television news in Atlanta; and

**WHEREAS**, Judy was named White House correspondent for NBC News in 1976, a position she held for six years; and

**WHEREAS**, She joined PBS in 1982, where she continued White House reports for *PBS NewsHour*, formerly *The MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour*, in addition to presenting another program; and

**WHEREAS**, Judy moved to CNN in 1993 to host *Inside Politics* and *CNN WorldView* together with Bernard Shaw, and returned to PBS and the *NewsHour* in 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2013, Judy and Gwen Ifill were named its official anchors, succeeding founding presenter Jim Lehrer; and

**WHEREAS**, Judy and Gwen shared managing newsgathering duties until Gwen's death in 2016, and Judy became the program's sole main presenter; and

**WHEREAS**, Judy wrote the book *This Is Judy Woodruff at the White House*, in which she described her experiences as a journalist; and

**WHEREAS**, Over her career, she has advocated women's organizations, and was part of a group of journalists that founded the International Women's Media Foundation, an organization that internationally supports women in the media; and

**WHEREAS,** She has served on the International Women's Media Foundation board of directors, and is part of its advisory council; and

**WHEREAS,** Judy and her husband, Al Hunt, have actively supported families of children with spina bifida (a condition shared by their eldest son, Jeffrey) with counseling and other necessary services; and

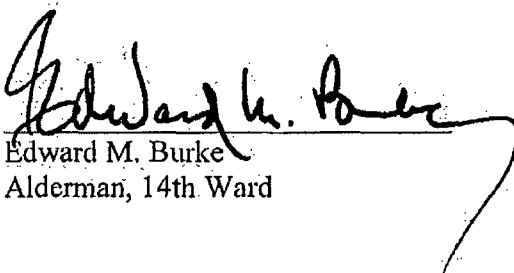
**WHEREAS,** The couple helped organize the Spina Bifida Association of America's annual roast, during which politicians roast journalists to raise funds for the association; and

**WHEREAS,** Judy has also served on the boards of trustees of a number of other organizations, including the Newseum, the Freedom Forum, the National Museum of American History, Global Rights, the Carnegie Corporation of New York, America's Promise, the Urban Institute, The Duke Endowment, and the John S. Knight Journalism Fellowships at Stanford; and

**WHEREAS,** Judy is a former member of the Knight Commission and a current member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED,** That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this fourteenth day of December, 2022, do hereby recognize Judy stepping down as the *PBS NewsHour* anchor and managing editor on December 30, 2022 as well as her lifetime achievements and accolades; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Judy along with the congratulations and best wishes of the City of Chicago, and be it further resolved, that December 30, 2022 be declared Judy Carline Woodruff Day in the City of Chicago.

  
Edward M. Burke  
Alderman, 14th Ward