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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Patrick Driscoll 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 his passing by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Driscoll was the loving husband of Sheila, the much-adored father of Cathleen, Tara, Patrick, and Michael, and the grandfather of eleven to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Driscoll enjoyed a long and highly successful career as an attorney; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Driscoll, a native of Chicago's Rogers Park, attended St. Ignatius Grade School, Loyola Academy, and DePaul University, where he received his law degree in 1967; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Driscoll began his career as an attorney with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, where he went on to lead both the Criminal Appeals Division as well as the Civil Actions Bureau; and

WHEREAS, As the Chief of the Criminal Appeals Division, Patrick Driscoll argued twenty-five cases before the Illinois Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, After leaving the State's Attorney's Office, Patrick Driscoll launched a successful private law practice representing clients in criminal and civil matters for over twenty years; and

WHEREAS, During his time in private practice, Patrick Driscoll continued to serve the public through his service on the Federal Defender Program and through his many appointments as a Special State's Attorney; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Driscoll also held positions as an administrative judge for the Cook County Assessor, an attorney for the Electoral Board of Cook County and Cook County Pension Fund, an independent arbitrator with the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission, and an arbitrator on the commercial calendar's arbitration program; and

WHEREAS, Aside from his outstanding legal career, Patrick Driscoll was known for his work with the Lions Club, Chicago Inn of Court, and Norwegian American Hospital, where he served as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Driscoll was a devote Catholic whose faith and Jesuit education guided his work in the State's Attorney's Office, his championing of unpopular cases, his advocacy for death sentence defendants, and his eight terms in the Assembly of the Special Illinois State Bar Association Committee on the Death Penalty; and

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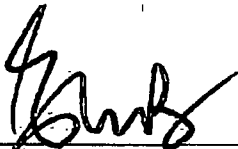
WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Patrick Driscoll serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared Patrick Driscoll to his family members, friends and all who knew him, and enabled him to enrich their lives in ways they will never forget; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Driscoll was an individual of great integrity and accomplishment, a model family man, and an inspiration and mentor to many attorneys who will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this thirteenth day of November, 2019, do hereby commemorate Patrick Driscoll 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 Patrick Driscoll.



Edward M. Burke
Alderman, 14th Ward