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<b>Title:</b>	Tribute to late Reverend Thomas N. Pelton
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, The Reverend Thomas N. Pelton has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age seventy-two; and

**WHEREAS**, The Chicago City Council has been informed of his passing by Alderman Roberto Maldonado; and

**WHEREAS**, The Reverend Thomas N. Pelton, affectionately known as “Father Tom”, served as Pastor Emeritus of Maternity of the BVM Parish in the Humboldt Park neighborhood where he faithfully ministered for nearly fifteen years; and

**WHEREAS**, A wise and caring cleric of great humility, kindness and compassion, Father Tom devoted his life to the service of others; and

**WHEREAS**, A native of Evergreen Park, Father Tom was ordained in 1966 by then-Archbishop John Cardinal Cody and was first assigned to serve as Assistant Pastor at St. Jerome Parish in Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Father Tom went on to minister at a number of area parishes throughout his religious life, including St. Bernard Parish, Holy Trinity Parish, Our Lady of the Angels Parish, St. Anthony Parish, Our Lady of the Mount Parish and St. Aloysius Parish; and

**WHEREAS**, Father Tom was named Administrator for Maternity BVM Parish on North Avenue in Chicago in 1996 and was named Pastor in May of 1997; and

**WHEREAS**, Father Tom faithfully and joyfully led the parish until his retirement in 2011 when he was named Pastor Emeritus; and

**WHEREAS**, In addition to his religious training Father Tom held a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology; and

**WHEREAS**, Father Tom’s expertise in clinical psychology and his caring nature was exemplified by his service at Presence Saints Mary and Elizabeth Medical Center as Coordinator of the Supportive Program where his work focused on cancer and HIV patients and their families; and

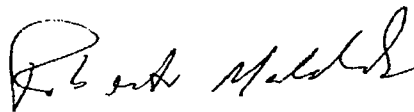
**WHEREAS**, A man of great compassion, Father Tom embraced Humboldt Park’s immigrant community and cared deeply about the social and health care issues affecting immigrants; and

**WHEREAS**, The only son of the late Norbert and Josephine, Father Tom is survived by his beloved sisters, Norine Matthews, Joanne Pitulla, Colette (Terence) McGuinness and Mary Anne (George) Hannibal; and

**WHEREAS**, Although Father Tom dealt with some of the darkest and most difficult challenges of humanity, he always celebrated life with his sense of humor and a twinkle in his eye; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this fifteenth day of January, 2014, do hereby commemorate the Reverend Thomas N. Pelton on 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 the Reverend Thomas N. Pelton.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Maldonado". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

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**Alderman – 26<sup>th</sup> Ward**