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Tribute to late James W. Cronin

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, James W. Cronin has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 84; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of his passing by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Saint Paul, Minnesota James W. Cronin was a widely admired member of the scientific community and the loving husband of Carol; and

WHEREAS, James W. Cronin was the much-adored father of Emily and Daniel and the grandfather of six to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, Born in Chicago, James W. Cronin graduated from Southern Methodist University before receiving his Ph.D in physics from the University of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, James W. Cronin enjoyed a long and highly successful career as a professor at the University of Chicago where he taught physics and astronomy and astrophysics; and

WHEREAS, In 1980 James W. Cronin was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics with Val Fitch for the 1964 discovery of the laws governing matter and antimatter and how these laws affect the universe; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his professional achievements, James W. Cronin co-created the Auger Observatory in Argentina which detects extremely powerful, cosmic rays that periodically travel through Earth's atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of James W. Cronin serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared James W. Cronin 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, James W. Cronin was an individual of great integrity and accomplishment who will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, James W. Cronin imparts a legacy of faithfulness, service and dignity; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this fourteenth day of September, 2016, do hereby commemorate James W. Cronin 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 James W. Cronin.

Alderman - 14th Ward