

## City of Chicago



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## Office of the City Clerk

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**Meeting Date:** 

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Tribute to late Honorable John E. Gow

**Committee(s) Assignment:** 

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS,** The Honorable John E. Gow has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God; and

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

**WHEREAS,** The Honorable John E. Gow was a former Elmhurst Alderman and the loving husband of former DuPage County Board member Olivia Gow; and

**WHEREAS,** The Honorable John E. Gow was the much-adored father of John and Anne and the grandfather of one to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

**WHEREAS,** A widely admired educator and civic leader, the Honorable John E. Gow taught speech communications for 32 years at Elmhurst College; and

**WHEREAS,** After retiring as a college professor, the Honorable John E. Gow embarked on a second career in public service as a member of the Elmhurst City Council; and

**WHEREAS,** During his twelve-year tenure as an elected official, the Honorable John E. Gow earned a reputation as a preservationist for his efforts to save historic gems in the suburb; and

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable John E. Gow chaired the City's Development, Planning & Zoning Committee and spearheaded passage of Elmhurst's historic preservation ordinance which protects historic buildings; and

**WHEREAS,** The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of the Honorable John E. Gow serve as an example to all; and

**WHEREAS**, His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared the Honorable John E. Gow 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,** The Honorable John E. Gow will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

**WHEREAS**, To his beloved family, the Honorable John E. Gow 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 second day of April, 2014, do hereby commemorate the Honorable John E. Gow 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 the Honorable John E. Gow.

Alderman - 14th Ward