



# City of Chicago



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| <b>Meeting Date:</b>            | 1/13/2016                         |
| <b>Sponsor(s):</b>              | Burke (14)                        |
| <b>Type:</b>                    | Resolution                        |
| <b>Title:</b>                   | Tribute to late Joseph Fitzgerald |
| <b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b> |                                   |

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Joseph Fitzgerald has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 87; and

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

**WHEREAS**, A resident of New Lenox and formerly of Chicago's Beverly neighborhood, Joseph Fitzgerald was a longtime public servant and the loving husband of Jean, nee Freeburn; and

**WHEREAS**, Joseph Fitzgerald was the much-adored father of Laura, Linda and the late Thomas and the grandfather of seven to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

**WHEREAS**, Joseph Fitzgerald served from 1946 to 1947 as a Paratrooper with the United States Army's 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division; and

**WHEREAS**, An architect-engineer, Joseph Fitzgerald graduated from the University of Illinois in 1951 and was employed for 26 years with the Chicago Building Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Joseph Fitzgerald worked his way up through the ranks of the department from structural plan inspector to Assistant Chief of Inspections to Assistant Commissioner; and

**WHEREAS**, From 1969 to 1980, Joseph Fitzgerald ably served as the Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Buildings where he was widely regarded for his intelligence, character and leadership ability; and

**WHEREAS**, Joseph Fitzgerald was a partner at the Schal Associates construction management firm from 1981 until his retirement in 1985; and

**WHEREAS**, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Joseph Fitzgerald serve as an example to all; and

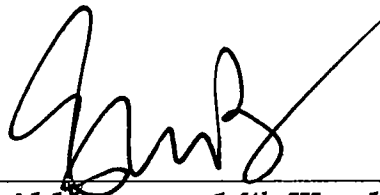
**WHEREAS**, His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared Joseph Fitzgerald to his family members, friends and all who knew him, and enabled him to enrich their lives in ways they will never forget; and

**WHEREAS,** Joseph Fitzgerald will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

**WHEREAS,** To his beloved family, Joseph Fitzgerald 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 thirteenth day of January, 2016, do hereby commemorate Joseph Fitzgerald 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 Joseph Fitzgerald.



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**Alderman - 14<sup>th</sup> Ward**