



# City of Chicago



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## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, James G. Serpe has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of ninety-seven; and

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

**WHEREAS**, A resident of Des Plaines, James G. Serpe was a widely admired educator and the loving husband of Anita G., nee Foggia; and

**WHEREAS**, James G. Serpe was the much-adored father of Susan, Stephen, Anita, Amy, Gerard, Camille and the late John and Jimmy, the grandfather of seven and the great-grandfather of one; and

**WHEREAS**, The son of Italian immigrants, James G. Serpe was raised in Chicago's Little Italy neighborhood and graduated from St. Ignatius High School and Loyola University; and

**WHEREAS**, James G. Serpe was a gifted and well-loved mathematics teacher at St. Ignatius High School from 1942 to 1955, at Sacred Heart Seminary from 1955 to 1963 and at Loyola Academy from 1963 to 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, A highly popular figure in the classroom, James G. Serpe was known for his flashy suits and memorable teaching techniques; and

**WHEREAS**, James G. Serpe received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Georgetown University; and

**WHEREAS**, James G. Serpe was a recipient of a lifetime teaching award from the Mathematics Teachers' Association of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Following a long and highly distinguished career, James G. Serpe retired at the age of ninety-two; and

**WHEREAS**, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of James G. Serpe serve as an example to all; and

**WHEREAS**, His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared James G. Serpe 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 G. Serpe will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

**WHEREAS,** To his beloved family, James G. Serpe 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 fifth day of March, 2014, do hereby commemorate James G. Serpe 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 G. Serpe.



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