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MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Joan Crosbie Planek, born January 29, 1943, was called by God to her eternal reward on May 18, 2012, at the age of 69; and

WHEREAS, The City Council has been informed of her passing by The Honorable Margaret Laurino, Alderman of the 39th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Joan Crosbie Planek was an active and vital member of her community. The cherished wife of Thomas; devoted mother to Mary (Michael) Vanco, James (Michelle) and Thomas; cherished grandmother of Bryan, Adrienne, Rebekah, Alexander and Theresa; dear cousin of Francis Hunt and Dr. Blair McCracken; loving sister of Chuck and Joanne Planek; beloved aunt of twenty-seven nieces and nephews; fond friend of many; Joan Crosbie Planek leaves a legacy of faith, compassion, dignity and love; and

WHEREAS, Joan Crosbie Planek, the only child of the celebrated sculptor and illustrator Helen Blair and Dr. Stanley Crosbie, was born in Boston, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Joan Crosbie Planek graduated from the University of Colorado in 1965; and

WHEREAS, Joan Crosbie Planek held several editorial positions prior to embarking on a twenty year career in the reinsurance field, attaining a CPCU and ultimately retiring from Aon Re Worldwide as Senior Vice President; and

WHEREAS, Joan Crosbie Planek loved to serve regularly as Eucharistic Minister and lector at Queen of All Saints Basilica; and

WHEREAS, Joan Crosbie Planek took particular pride in her portrayal of St. Joan in Arthur Honegger's Dramatic Oratorio, Joan of Arc at the Stake, performed at Holy Name Cathedral in 1973; and

WHEREAS, Joan Crosbie Planek was an avid art collector, gourmet cook, skilled artist and creative designer working in silkscreen, needlepoint, and collage; and

WHEREAS, Joan Crosbie Planek devoted many volunteer hours recording for the blind and dyslexic and helping to improve the reading skills of elementary school children; and

WHEREAS, Joan Crosbie Planek with her many talents, had a deep humility, a warm and unselfish nature, and a loving personality that endeared her to everyone she encountered;

WHEREAS, Joan Crosbie Planek will be deeply missed, but the memory of her character, intelligence and compassion will live on in those who knew and loved her; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this sixth day of June, 2012, do hereby express our sorrow on the death of Joan Crosbie Planek to her family and friends our deepest sympathy; and

Be It Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Joan Crosbie Planek.

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MARGARET LAURINO
Alderman, 39th Ward