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Committee(s) Assignment:	

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Reverend Monsignor Ignatius Urbonas has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 101; and

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

WHEREAS, The Reverend Monsignor Ignatius Urbonas was a widely admired member of the religious community and the Pastor of St. Casimir Roman Catholic Church in Gary, Indiana for more than thirty years; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Monsignor Ignatius Urbonas led St. Casimir from 1966 to 1998 where he ministered to parishioners of Lithuanian descent and celebrated their customs and language; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Monsignor Ignatius Urbonas delivered his homilies at Mass in Lithuanian and hosted Lithuanian folk dances and dinners at the church; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Monsignor Ignatius Urbonas resisted efforts to close the small parish and kept it alive for decades as a flourishing center of faith and an integral part of Gary's Lithuanian community; and

WHEREAS, Even after the church's eventual closure, the Reverend Monsignor Ignatius Urbonas led an annual Mass and picnic for former parishioners; and

WHEREAS, A native of Lithuania, the Reverend Monsignor Ignatius Urbonas served in parishes in East St. Louis and Belleville before joining St. Casimir in 1954; and

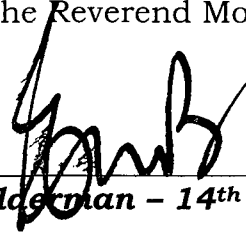
WHEREAS, After Reverend Monsignor Ignatius Urbonas retired in 1998, he fulfilled at the age of ninety-three a life's dream by writing a memoir, *My Long Journey*; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of the Reverend Monsignor Ignatius Urbonas serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, the Reverend Monsignor Ignatius Urbonas 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 sixth day of June, 2012, do hereby commemorate the Reverend Monsignor Ignatius Urbonas 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 Reverend Monsignor Ignatius Urbonas.



Alderman - 14th Ward