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TRIBUTE TO LATE MR. PHILIP T. KALAYIL

WHEREAS, It was with great sadness that members of this chamber learned of the death of Philip T. Kalayil, one of the pioneers of the Indian-American community, on March 13, 2017 at the age of 86; and

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

WHEREAS, His quest for education and to serve his fellow man brought Philip to Chicago in 1956 from the coastal state of Kerala, India to pursue his graduate work at Loyola University. Early on, Philip was committed to “reducing intergroup prejudice,” focusing his thesis on those disadvantaged groups such as Indian students and their experiences with discrimination and prejudice; and

WHEREAS, Philip quickly found himself engaged in grassroots organizations and his compassion and charisma made him a perfect fit for various leadership roles in and around the City of Chicago. Upon beginning his education, he would organize events for fellow international students; and

WHEREAS, With a double Master’s in Sociology and Industrial Relations in hand, Philip worked as a social worker for Catholic Charities. As his love for public service grew, he took on a change in career paths working in the Department of Human Services, where he retired as Assistant Director of Emergency Services; and

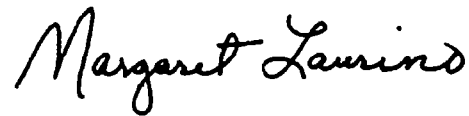
WHEREAS, Philip integrated his professional skills into his passion for community service and advocacy, especially for those who had been underrepresented and underserved. Philip launched organizations including the Indian Catholic Association of America (ICAA), the Asian Forum, and the Indo-American Democratic Organization (IADO); and

WHEREAS, Because of his exemplary leadership and achievements in bridge-building between diverse racial and ethnic groups, the Association for Asian American Studies honored Philip with the Heart of Asian America Community Award in 2008. His biggest contribution to the Asian American community in Chicago was his vision and commitment to bringing together distinct Asian American groups into the political arena; and

WHEREAS, Born on October 2, 1930, Philip married Annamma Kattapuram in 1949. Left to mourn him and treasure his memory are sons, Tom (wife Ancy) and Sales (wife Nani); daughter, Ann; son-in-law, Tom Pullukat; eight grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren. Daughter, Lisa T. Pullukat, preceded him in death; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twenty ninth day of March, 2017, do hereby mourn the passing of Philip T. Kalayil and extend our deepest sympathy to his family; and

Be It Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to his family as a token of our honor, gratitude and respect.



MARGARET LAURINO
Alderman, 39th Ward

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