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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Honorable Frank J. McGarr has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of ninety; and

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

WHEREAS, A resident of Downers Grove, the Honorable Frank J. McGarr was a retired federal Judge and the loving husband for sixty-eight years of Margaret; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Frank J. McGarr was the much-adored father of Frank, Michael, William, Mary, Patricia and the late Raymond, the grandfather of thirteen and the great-grandfather of seven to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities which he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Frank J. McGarr served for eighteen years on the federal bench and was Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court's Northern Illinois District from 1981 to 1986; and

WHEREAS, In the early 2000s, the Honorable Frank J. McGarr was named Chairman of then-Governor George Ryan's Commission on Capital Punishment which paved the way for the abolishment of the death penalty in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Born in Chicago, the Honorable Frank J. McGarr attended St. Ignatius College Prep and earned both his undergraduate and law degrees from Loyola University; and

WHEREAS, During World War II, the Honorable Frank J. McGarr joined the United States Navy and saw action in the Philippines, Iwo Jima and Okinawa; and

WHEREAS, Prior to his appointment to the federal bench, the Honorable Frank J. McGarr spent the majority of his career in private practice; and

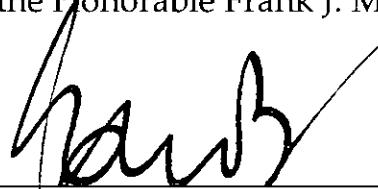
WHEREAS, Colleagues of the Honorable Frank J. McGarr will remember him as a kind and wise jurist whose approach to the law was as methodical as it was fair; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, dedication and sacrifice of the Honorable Frank J. McGarr serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, the Honorable Frank J. McGarr 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 eighteenth day of January, 2012, do hereby commemorate the Honorable Frank J. McGarr 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 Honorable Frank J. McGarr.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. B.', is written over a horizontal line.

Alderman - 14th Ward