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Burke (14)

Resolution

Tribute to late Reverend Daniel Berrigan

Committee(s) Assignment:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Reverend Daniel Berrigan has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 94; and

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

WHEREAS, The Reverend Daniel Berrigan was a Jesuit priest, educator and poet who helped shape the peace movement waged against the Vietnam War during the 1960s; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Daniel Berrigan was one of the Catonsville Nine, a group of activists jailed for burning draft files in 1968; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Daniel Berrigan credited Dorothy Day, the founder of *The Catholic Worker* newspaper, with introducing him to ideas that would later greatly influence his life of activism; and

WHEREAS, Raised in Syracuse, New York, the Reverend Daniel Berrigan was the son of a trade union member; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Daniel Berrigan joined the Jesuit Order after completing high school and graduated from St. Andrew-on Hudson and earned a master's degree from Woodstock College in Baltimore, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, As a seminarian, the Reverend Daniel Berrigan wrote poetry and his work was published after it caught the attention of Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Marianne Moore; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Daniel Berrigan authored 40 books, including *Time Without Number* which won the Lamont Poetry Prize; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his life, the Reverend Daniel Berrigan remained active in protests and pacifist causes and in 1980 helped found the anti-nuclear Plowshares Movement; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of the Reverend Daniel Berrigan serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Daniel Berrigan will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, the Reverend Daniel Berrigan 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 May, 2016, do hereby commemorate the Reverend Daniel Berrigan 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 Daniel Berrigan.

Alderman – 14th Ward