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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Barbara Bush has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 92; and

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

WHEREAS, A woman of dignity, grace and charm, Barbara Bush was the loving wife of the Honorable George H.W. Bush, the 41st President of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, A native of New York City, First Lady Barbara Bush was the matriarch of an American political dynasty and only one of two women to be both wife and mother of a President; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Bush was the much-adored mother of the Honorable George, the Honorable Jeb, Neil Marvin, Dorothy and the late Robin who died of leukemia as a child; and

WHEREAS, The daughter of Pauline and Marvin Pierce, a prestigious publishing executive, Barbara Bush was raised in suburban Rye, New York and attended Smith College; and

WHEREAS, The former Barbara Pierce first met her future husband at the age of sixteen at a dance at the Round Hill Country Club in Greenwich, Connecticut while he was a student at Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Bush married her husband in 1945 while he was on leave as a Navy pilot during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Bush became a guiding force in her husband's political career as he served in roles such as a United States Congressman, United States Ambassador to the United Nations, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, Vice President and finally President; and

WHEREAS, As First Lady, Barbara Bush championed the cause of literacy, serving on numerous committees and developed the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Bush involved herself in many philanthropic causes and various Republican women's groups in Washington D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Bush was deeply involved with the White House Historical Association and the White House Preservation Fund, which she renamed the White House Endowment Trust; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Bush became the first U.S. First Lady to be awarded the Henry G. Freeman Jr. Pin Money Fund, receiving \$36,000, which she donated to her preferred charities; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Bush's memorable 1990 commencement address to Wellesley College is listed as the forty-fifth most influential speeches of the 20th Century in a ranking of one-hundred notable addresses; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Barbara Bush serve as an example to all; and

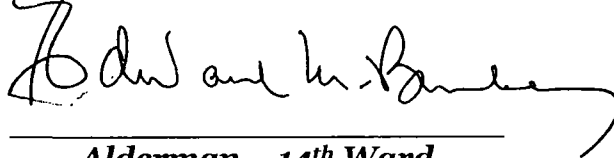
WHEREAS, Her love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared Barbara Bush to her family members, friends and all who knew her, and enabled her to enrich their lives in ways they will never forget; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Bush was an individual of great integrity and accomplishment who will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by her many relatives, friends and admirers; and

WHEREAS, To her beloved family, Barbara Bush 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 April, 2018, do hereby commemorate Barbara Bush for her grace-filled life and do hereby express our condolences to her family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Barbara Bush.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward M. Burke", written over a horizontal line.

Alderman – 14th Ward