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Title:	Tribute to late Ruth Ann Koesun
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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ruth Ann Koesun has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 89; and

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

WHEREAS, A resident of Chicago, Ruth Ann Koesun was a renowned ballerina, arts administrator and archivist; and

WHEREAS, Known for her assured technique and gracefulness, Ruth Ann Koesun performed around the globe and was the principal ballerina of Ballet Theatre, now known as the American Ballet Theatre, from 1946 to 1969; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Ann Koesun won international acclaim for her lyrical interpretations of many roles; and

WHEREAS, Along with Melissa Hayden, Ruth Ann Koesun appeared on the cover of *Life* magazine in 1947; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Ann Koesun taught master classes and was in the famous "Salute" shows at the College Inn in Chicago and the New Yorker Hotel; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Ann Koesun danced from 1971 to 1973 as the principal ballerina with the First Chamber Dance Company of New York; and

WHEREAS, Following her retirement from the American Ballet, Ruth Ann Koesun was the Co-Director of the Dance Department at Hull House Association; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Ann Koesun was the Executive Director of the Association of Illinois Dance from 1975 to 1979; and

WHEREAS, Since 1989 Ruth Ann Koesun had worked as performing arts archivist at the Newberry Library; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Ann Koesun was a recipient of the *Excellence Award* in performing arts from the Organization of Chinese Americans; and

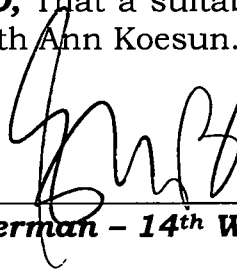
WHEREAS, The talent, hard work and dedication of Ruth Ann Koesun serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Ann Koesun will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by her many relatives, friends and admirers; and

WHEREAS, To her beloved family, Ruth Ann Koesun 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 twenty-eighth day of February, 2018, do hereby commemorate Ruth Ann Koesun 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 Ruth Ann Koesun.



Alderman - 14th Ward