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**RESOLUTION CELEBRATING
MARIE BURKE'S 100TH BIRTHDAY**

WHEREAS, Marie Burke, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and longtime resident of the 19th Ward will celebrate her 100th birthday on May 11, 2022; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this joyous occasion by the Honorable Matthew J. O'Shea, Alderman of the 19th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Marie was born in 1922 in the Jackson Park neighborhood on the Southside of Chicago and was christened at Saint Lawrence Church, went to Saint Felicitas parish school, and Aquinas High School in the South Shore neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, After high school and through the war years of the 1940s, Marie worked at the Illinois Central Railroad's 63rd and Dorchester Ave. business office in the Woodlawn neighborhood; during that time, Marie and her family experienced heartbreak when they were notified that her brother, Tommie, had been killed during the assault on Iwo Jima; and

WHEREAS, As the war was coming to end, Marie met John "Jack" Burke, who had been recently discharged from his US Army service in the Pacific, and they fell madly in love; Jack proposed to Marie on a park bench in Avalon Park; and

WHEREAS, For the first 22 years of their marriage, Marie and Jack lived in the Avalon Park Neighborhood where they began raising their nine children; they were married for 62 years before Jack, the love of her life, passed away in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Marie has always been an avid traveler, having traveled to 49 states, and she imparted in her children a deep appreciation of traveling; after Jack took his retirement, Marie and Jack visited state and national parks, and took trips to Europe; and

WHEREAS, When Marie was not traveling with Jack and the kids, she was taking the family to the movies at the drive-in, making fudge popcorn and Kool-Aid for movie nights, or reading; she has dedicated her life to loving her husband and raising their children and made many opportunities possible for the family with her love and budgeting skills; and

WHEREAS, The 19th Ward is grateful for its senior community and hopes Marie will continue to share her experiences and provide her wisdom to us all; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this twenty-seventh day of April, 2022, do hereby congratulate Marie Burke on her 100th birthday, and wish her continued happiness, prosperity, and success in all of her future endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Marie Burke as a sign of our esteem, honor, and respect.



MATTHEW J. O'SHEA
Alderman, 19th Ward