



# City of Chicago



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| <b>Meeting Date:</b>            | 2/28/2018                             |
| <b>Sponsor(s):</b>              | Burke (14)                            |
| <b>Type:</b>                    | Resolution                            |
| <b>Title:</b>                   | Tribute to late Reverend Billy Graham |
| <b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b> |                                       |

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, The Reverend Billy Graham has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 99; and

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

**WHEREAS**, The Reverend Billy Graham was an internationally renowned Christian evangelist and the loving husband of the late Ruth, nee Bell; and

**WHEREAS**, The Reverend Billy Graham was the much-adored father of five children and the grandfather of nineteen to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

**WHEREAS**, The Reverend Billy Graham was considered one of the most influential preachers of his time and a “pastor” and spiritual adviser to United States presidents; and

**WHEREAS**, The Reverend Billy Graham spent six decades on television hosting the annual Billy Graham Crusades which ran from 1947 until his retirement in 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, Born on his parents’ dairy farm near Charlotte, North Carolina, the Reverend Billy Graham was of Scottish and Irish decent; and

**WHEREAS**, An ordained Baptist minister, the Reverend Billy Graham graduated from Florida Bible Institute and Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois where he met his future wife; and

**WHEREAS**, From the beginning of his ministry, in 1947 the Reverend Billy Graham led more than 400 crusades in 185 countries and territories on six continents; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1950 The Reverend Billy Graham founded the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association which includes ministry on television and radio and through publications; and

**WHEREAS**, The Reverend Billy Graham dedicated his life to promoting understanding between faiths and fostering in others the seeds of hope and redemption; and

**WHEREAS,** Among many honors, the Reverend Billy Graham was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation Freedom Award and the Templeton Foundation Prize for Progress in Religion; and

**WHEREAS,** The faithfulness, sacrifice and dedication of the Reverend Billy Graham serve as an example to all; and

**WHEREAS,** The Reverend Billy Graham was an individual of great integrity and accomplishment who will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

**WHEREAS,** To his beloved family, the Reverend Billy Graham 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 the Reverend Billy Graham 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 Billy Graham.

  
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**Alderman - 14<sup>th</sup> Ward**