



# City of Chicago



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## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Sharon Runner has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 62; and

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

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Sharon Runner was a former California lawmaker and the loving wife for 43 years of the Honorable George; and

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Sharon Runner was the much-adored mother of Micah and Rebekah and the grandmother of four to whom she imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that she possessed in abundance; and

**WHEREAS**, Born in Los Angeles, California, the Honorable Sharon Runner attended Antelope Valley College and was active in the Antelope Valley Republican Assembly and the Palmdale and High Desert Republican Women's Clubs; and

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Sharon Runner was elected in 2002 to represent the 36<sup>th</sup> Assembly District where she served three terms until 2008;

**WHEREAS**, In 2009 Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger named the Honorable Sharon Runner to serve as a member of the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2011 the Honorable Sharon Runner won election to the California State Senate seat representing the 17<sup>th</sup> District that was left vacant by her husband who was elected to the State Board of Equalization in 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Sharon Runner did not seek re-election in 2012 after undergoing a double lung transplant, but made a dramatic return to the Senate in 2015 after winning a special election; and

**WHEREAS**, In addition to her professional achievements, the Honorable Sharon Runner co-founded the Desert Christian Schools with her husband in 1977; and

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Sharon Runner received the Spirit of Leadership Award from the Scleroderma Foundation of Southern California recognizing her efforts to raise funds for a cure; and

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Sharon Runner was renowned for her optimistic and soft but determined spirit among her colleagues; and

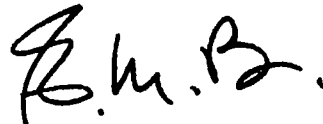
**WHEREAS**, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of the Honorable Sharon Runner serve as an example to all; and

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Sharon Runner 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, the Honorable Sharon Runner 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 fourteenth day of September, 2016, do hereby commemorate the Honorable Sharon Runner 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 the Honorable Sharon Runner.



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**Alderman**