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**Title:** Tribute to Late Margaret O'Donnell  
**Committee(s) Assignment:**

## *RESOLUTION*

*WHEREAS*, Margaret O'Donnell has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of eighty-four; and

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

*WHEREAS*, A native of County Mayo, Ireland, Margaret O'Donnell was the loving and devoted wife of the late William; and

*WHEREAS*, Margaret O'Donnell was the much-adored mother of Maureen, Eileen, Sheila and Michael and the grandmother of eight; and

*WHEREAS*, Known as "Peggy," Margaret O'Donnell left her native Ireland at the age of eighteen, promising her mother that she would keep the family together despite the distance; and

*WHEREAS*, After leaving Ireland in 1944, Margaret O'Donnell traveled first to London where she worked as a nurse's aid in a tuberculosis ward during the Blitzkrieg of World War II; and

*WHEREAS*, In 1950 Margaret O'Donnell emigrated to the United States where she married and settled on the Northwest Side of Chicago near St. Bartholomew Parish; and

*WHEREAS*, Margaret O'Donnell returned frequently to Ireland for more than fifty years to celebrate holidays, weddings, and milestone moments; and

*WHEREAS*, Margaret O'Donnell and her husband often worked five jobs between them in order to put their four children through college; and

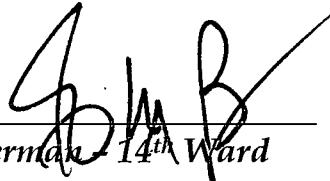
*WHEREAS*, A talented cook and baker, Margaret O'Donnell used her culinary skills to show her support and compassion for neighbors and friends who were ill or who had lost a loved one; and

**WHEREAS**, A woman of dignity, grace and charm, Margaret O'Donnell will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by her many relatives, friends, and neighbors; and

**WHEREAS**, To her beloved family, Margaret O'Donnell 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 sixth day of July, 2011, do hereby commemorate Margaret O'Donnell 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 Margaret O'Donnell.

  
Alderman 14<sup>th</sup> Ward