



# City of Chicago



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**Sponsor(s):** Burke (14)  
**Type:** Resolution  
**Title:** Tribute to late J. Ira Harris  
**Committee(s) Assignment:**

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, J. Ira Harris has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 83; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Ira is survived by his wife, Nicki, his three children, Bradley, Jackie, Jon, and his six grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, He was a native of Bronx, New York, and graduated from the Dewitt Clinton High School; and

**WHEREAS**, Ira graduated from the University of Michigan in 1959 where he received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration; and

**WHEREAS**, After graduation in 1959, Ira landed a job at Jacques Coe, and then moved to Chicago in 1964 to become partner in charge of the Midwest Operation of Blair & Company; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1969, he joined Salomon Brothers as a General Partner and served as a member of its Executive Committee from 1978 to 1983, and served as a Director of Philbro-Salomon; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1988, Ira joined Lazard Freres & Company as a Senior Partner and opened their Chicago office; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1998, he formed J.I. Harris & Associates, a financial consulting firm while becoming Vice Chairman of The Pritzker Organization during the same time period; and

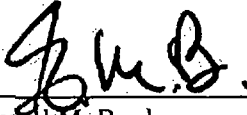
**WHEREAS**, Ira and his son, Jon founded Alternative Investment Management LLC to invest on behalf of his family and the Pritzkers, which has turned into a leading investment management platform; and

**WHEREAS**, Ira was a longtime supporter of his alma mater, the University of Michigan ("Michigan"), where the football team's locker room bears his name and that of his wife, Nicki. The couple also funded Michigan's Schools of Business and Public Policy, and also supported the Norton Museum of Art and the Palm Beach Civic Association; and

**WHEREAS**, To his beloved family, Ira 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-third day of March, 2022, do hereby commemorate Ira 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 J. Ira Harris.

Handwritten signature of Edward M. Burke in black ink, consisting of stylized initials 'E.M.B.' followed by a period.

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Edward M. Burke  
Alderman, 14<sup>th</sup> Ward