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Tribute to late Honorable Edward H. Marsalek

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Honorable Edward H. Marsalek has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 98; and

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

WHEREAS, Loving Husband of Ann (Pollace) Marsalek for over 62 years. Loving Father of Judge Diann Marsalek (Roger McAuliffe-Deceased), Carolyn Marsalek and Edward Marsalek (Joyce Wonsil). Loving Grandfather of Nicholas, Alex and Peter Marsalek (Deceased). Son of Frank and Karolina Marsalek (Both Deceased). Loving brother of Stanley (Jean), Betty (John) Lusak, Wanda (Alex) Weigel, Mary and Elizabeth (All Deceased). Loving uncle and great uncle to many; and

WHEREAS, Edward was born on July 22, 1927 in Chicago where he was a graduate of Prescott Elementary and Lane Tech High School; and

WHEREAS, Both of his parents died when he was young so his sister Betty and her husband John, raised him; and

WHEREAS, Edward joined the United States Marine Corp in 1943 and fought in World War II in the South Pacific before being discharged as a Corporal in 1946; and

WHEREAS, He returned to Chicago to attend Wilbur Wright College in 1948 and the University of Houston in 1949. He graduated from the University of Houston and returned to Chicago. He attended John Marshall Law School and was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1953; and

WHEREAS, In 1960, Edward became an Assistant Attorney General and rose to Chief of the Consumer Fraud Division, where he helped draft the Illinois Consumer Fraud Act which was signed into law in 1961; and

WHEREAS, He then worked as a Deputy Director for the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, and also founded Marsalek and Lusak Law Firm where he practiced until he was appointed as an Associate Judge in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Edward ran and was elected a Full Circuit Judge and was retained for several elections where he served in Traffic Court, Bond Court, First Municipal, Domestic Relations and was the Supervising Judge of Housing Court before his retirement in 1998; and

WHEREAS, He was a mentor to many new Judges and well respected by his peers; and

WHEREAS, Edward was a member of the Judicial Inquiry Board from 1982-1990 and was a member of many professional organizations including the Advocates Society of Polish Lawyers, Chicago Bar Association and Catholic Lawyers. He was a member for many years of the Chicago Society PNA and was the Person of the year from this organization in 2016; and

WHEREAS, He was the President of the 44th Ward Democratic Organization for many years and ran unsuccessfully for Alderman of the 44th Ward in 1975; and

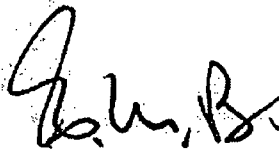
WHEREAS, Edward was active in the United States Marine Corp 6th Division Jasco where he served as the President, and attended reunions with his former Marines for many years. He was instrumental to get the children of the former Marines involved in the organization to ensure its continuation; and

WHEREAS, During his retirement he traveled to many places in the United States and Poland, and loved spending time at his summer house in Wisconsin with his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, Judge Marsalek imparts a legacy of generosity, compassion, devotion to family and unwavering faith in God; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this twenty-first day of September, 2022, do hereby commemorate Judge Marsalek 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 Judge Edward H. Marsalek.



Edward M. Burke
Alderman, 14th Ward