

taught chemistry and mathematics before moving to Chicago to work in a laboratory; and

WHEREAS, Eugene "Gene" Sawyer worked in the Chicago Department of Water from 1959 until 1971; and

WHEREAS, Eugene "Gene" Sawyer was first elected Alderman of Chicago's 6th Ward in 1971, and served with honor and distinction in that office under four different mayors; and

WHEREAS, As Alderman, Eugene "Gene" Sawyer became President Pro Tempore of the City Council and Chairman of the City Council Committee on Committees, Rules and Ethics under Mayor Harold Washington; and

WHEREAS, In December of 1987, following the death of Mayor Washington, Eugene "Gene" Sawyer was elected by his colleagues to serve as the Mayor of the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Among Eugene "Gene" Sawyer's many accomplishments as Mayor were the passage of the City's Human Rights Ordinance and the Clean Indoor Air Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, At present, there are no memorials to honor the dedication and service of Mayors Kennelly and Sawyer; NOW THEREFORE

Edward M. Burke Alderman, 14th Ward

BE IT RESOLVED, That a subcommittee of the Committee on Finance is hereby created to commemorate and develop a suitable memorial honoring the service of Mayor Martin H. Kennelly and Eugene "Gene" Sawyer.