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February 9, 2011

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Ladies and Gentlemen:

■ I transmit herewith a resolution honoring the life and memory of Mary Ellen Devaney. Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Members of this Chamber were deeply saddened to learn of the death on January 22, 2011, at age 72, of Mary Ellen Devaney; and

WHEREAS, Born in Chicago in 1938, Ms. Devaney grew up on the West Side of Chicago and graduated from Notre Dame High School for Girls in 1956; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Devaney lived on the Northwest Side of Chicago with her mother and uncle until she moved to Des Plaines in 1995; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated public servant, Ms. Devaney served the City of Chicago and its residents with diligence and distinction for more than three decades in the Corporation Counsel's and the Mayor's Offices; and

WHEREAS, Admired for her shorthand skills, capable personality, decorum, and professionalism, Ms. Devaney was an administrative assistant to Mayor Richard M. Daley for six years until her retirement in 1995; and

WHEREAS, In her distinguished career as the Mayor's administrative assistant, Ms. Devaney had the opportunity to come into contact with many renowned celebrities and prominent world leaders, including the late actress Audrey Hepburn and His Excellency Lech Walesa, Nobel Laureate and former President of Poland; and

WHEREAS, A loving aunt, cherished godmother, and dear friend of many, Ms. Devaney was known for her dedication, love, generosity and care for her family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Although Ms. Devaney will be dearly missed, the impact of her kindness and many good deeds will continue to inspire others, and her memory will live on in the hearts of those who were privileged to know her; and

WHEREAS, A truly exemplary human being, Ms. Devaney will always be remembered for her selfless dedication to public service, her many contributions to the City of Chicago, and for her modesty, strength of character, and faith; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Devaney is survived by her sister, Susan Fitzgerald; her niece, Alison Fitzgerald; her nephews, Mark Walsh, Brian, Kevin, and Mark McManaman; her twelve young grandnieces and nephews, and a host of other family members and friends; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this ninth day of February, 2011, do hereby honor the life and memory of Mary Ellen Devaney, and extend our heartfelt condolences to her family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the family of Mary Ellen Devaney as a sign of our sympathy and good wishes.