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## Legislation Text

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### ***RESOLUTION***

WHEREAS, Merrilee Patterson Crain has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of sixty-nine; and

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

WHEREAS, A woman of dignity, grace and charm, Merrilee Patterson Crain was a widely admired business and civic leader; and

WHEREAS, Merrilee Patterson Crain served as a Board Member and Secretary of Crain Communications, Incorporated, the publisher of trade, consumer and business papers; and

WHEREAS, Raised in Winnetka, Merrilee Patterson Crain graduated from New Trier High School and the Katharine Gibbs School in Boston; and

WHEREAS, Merrilee Patterson Crain worked in the engineering department of IBM in Evanston and first met her future husband, Rancee, on a blind date in 1965; and

WHEREAS, The couple married and eventually settled in Lake Forest where they raised two daughters, Heather and Cindi; and

WHEREAS, Merrilee Patterson Crain was active in civic affairs and played an instrumental role in raising the profile of the Gourmet Gala benefiting the March of Dimes in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, A generous supporter of the arts who painted and wrote poetry, Merrilee Patterson Crain was a board member of both the Hubbard Street Dance Company and the Goodman Theatre in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Merrilee Patterson Crain helped design her family's Bermuda-style home in Windemere, Florida, and served on the Board of the Orlando Museum of Art; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Merrilee Patterson Crain serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, To her loving husband, Rancee, her two daughters, Heather and Cindi, her mother, Frances, her brother, Pat, and her six grandchildren, Merrilee Patterson Crain 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 eighth day of November, 2012, do hereby commemorate Merrilee Patterson Crain 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 Merrilee Patterson Crain.