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## Legislation Text

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### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Kwa Geok Choo has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of eighty-nine; and

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

WHEREAS, Kwa Geok Choo was the beloved wife of Lee Kuan Yew, the first Prime Minister ever to lead the Republic of Singapore; and

WHEREAS: Kwa Geok Choo was of great support to her husband during his tenure as Prime Minister, appearing alongside him in his duties both at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS: It was Kwa Geok Choo's willingness to act as the family breadwinner which allowed her husband to enter politics and eventually serve his country as a governmental leader; and

WHEREAS, Born in 1920, Kwa Geok Choo was a lifelong scholar who enrolled as the only female in an all-male secondary school; and

WHEREAS, Kwa Geok Choo pursued further study at Singapore's Raffles College, where she excelled in both English and economics; and

WHEREAS, Kwa Geok Choo earned what is known in Singapore as the Queen's Scholarship, allowing her to travel to Cambridge University where she earned a degree in law; and

WHEREAS, Kwa Geok Choo married her husband in 1947, and the couple had three children; and

WHEREAS, In 1955 Kwa Geok Choo co-founded the law firm of Lee & Lee, and along with her husband's brother, managed its professional affairs for more than three decades; and

WHEREAS, To her husband, Lee Kuan Yew, her two sons, the Honorable Lee Hsien Loong and Lee Hsien Yang, and her daughter, Dr. Lee Wei Ling, Kwa Geok Choo 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 third day of November, 2010, do hereby commemorate Kwa Geok Choo 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 Kwa Geok Choo.

**Alderman - 14<sup>th</sup> Ward**