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## Legislation Text

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### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Rosalie Clark, has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 95; and

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

WHEREAS, Rosalie is survived by her daughter, Merrilee Redmond, sons William Jr. Redmond, Donald Redmond, Robert Redmond, and daughter-in-laws Mary Redmond, Krista Redmond, Cathy Redmond, and eleven grandchildren, and a multitude of close relatives and very dear friends; and

WHEREAS, Rosalie was born April 16, 1925 to John Locatis and Monica Birches on the South Side of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Rosalie attended St. Casimir Academy-Maria High School before enrolling in Mount Mary University in Milwaukee; and

WHEREAS, Rosalie met her late husband, Honorable William G. Clark, on a blind date while volunteering for the American Red Cross and later engaged in April 1946 to then wed that Thanksgiving at the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary; and

WHEREAS, Rosalie took the role of politician's wife while raising five children, which included talking to reporters, hosting fundraising parties, and accompanying her late husband to all manner of events; and

WHEREAS, She began a professional life that would last through five mayors over nearly two decades, as Rosalie acted as the liaison to the city's consulates, arranged for red carpet arrivals for heads of state, or dinners for overseas dignitaries; and

WHEREAS, Rosalie found time to serve on the boards of Illinois Federation of Democratic Women, Marillac House, Misericordia and Illinois State Museum in her most active years; and

WHEREAS, To her beloved family, Rosalie Clark, 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 Twenty-second day of July, 2020, do hereby commemorate Rosalie 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 Rosalie Clark.

Edward M. Burke  
Alderman, 14<sup>th</sup> Ward