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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Honorable Alfred ("Al") G. Ronan has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 75; and

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

WHEREAS, Al is survived by his daughters Maren Ronan (Hon. Nicholas Kantas) and Jenna Ronan, his grandchildren Violet and Alexander Kantas, his longtime partner Cheryl Axley, and his sisters Maryanne Locklin and Bobbie Siller; and

WHEREAS, Al was born in Chicago on December 3, 1947, to Phyllis and James Ronan; and

WHEREAS, Al was a graduate of Fenwick High School, and went on to graduate from the University of Illinois at Chicago ("UIC") with a degree in Political Science; and

WHEREAS, During his time at UIC, Al was a football player and letter winner and later became a generous benefactor of the University; and

WHEREAS, Al began a career in politics as a downstate political organizer for then candidate and future Governor Dan Walker; and

WHEREAS, He was later appointed Director of the Division of Mental Health for the State of Illinois, and later as Deputy Secretary at the Illinois Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, At 31, Al was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives representing the northwest side of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, In the Illinois House, Al championed important issues such as a statewide seat belt mandate and consistently pushed for increased funding for K-12 education; and

WHEREAS, After 14 years in the Illinois General Assembly, Al started and ran a successful lobbying and consulting practice; and

WHEREAS, Al was a trusted friend and political advisor to many, and he will be remembered for his quick wit and extensive knowledge of political issues at both the local and national level; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, Al imparts a legacy of generosity, compassion, devotion to family and unwavering faith in God; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this First day of February, 2023, do hereby commemorate Al for his grace-filled life and do hereby express our condolences to his family; and

Edward M. Burke Alderman, 14th Ward

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Alfred G. Ronan.