

## TRIBUTE TO THE LATE KEVIN JOHN RYAN

WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness and a sense of profound loss that the members of this chamber recognize the passing of Kevin John Ryan on Saturday, September 9, 2023; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of his passing by the Honorable Samantha Nugent, Alderman of the 39<sup>th</sup> Ward; and

WHEREAS, Born on October 10, 1956 in Fort Wayne, Indiana to the late Rita (Beck) and Don Ryan, Kevin attended Bishop Dwenger High School, where he was active in sports and theater, appearing in several plays and musicals; and

WHEREAS, At the University of Notre Dame, Kevin was committed to his work, as both an undergraduate student and a varsity cheerleader. At the 1979 Cotton Bowl, Kevin was proud to cheer on the Irish to an amazing one-point victory when the team recovered from a 22-point deficit in the fourth quarter. Kevin graduated from Notre Dame in 1979 with a Bachelor's degree in Biology; and

WHEREAS, Kevin's life in Chicago began shortly thereafter when he attended the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, receiving his MBA in Health Administration in 1981. While working full-time as a hospital health administrator, Kevin attended law school at night, graduating from the Chicago-Kent College of Law in 1987; and

WHEREAS, As an attorney, Kevin practiced in Chicago, specializing in healthcare law. A partner at Epstein, Beck & Green, P.C., Kevin earned a national reputation for excellence, focusing on the business of health care, including the corporate practice of medicine and telehealth. His expertise included offering regulatory and due diligence to health care providers entering value acquisitions to expand patient access and scale operations nationally. His character and expertise were unparalleled, and he was universally recognized by attorneys around the country as a man of integrity and decency; and

WHEREAS, In his personal, as well as in his professional, life, Kevin possessed the intellect, skill, charisma, and confidence that helped him to excel in all things in which he was involved. A true Renaissance man, he had many interests and talents, including travel, athletics, the arts, gourmet cooking, and Notre Dame football; and

WHEREAS, Kevin's expansive love extended to the entire Ryan family, especially his beloved wife, Linda Ryan; his dear children, son Aidan and wife Allie; son Griffin; daughter Naomi and husband Mark; stepdaughter Erica and husband Austin; and his adored newborn grandson, Leo Kevin. Also mourning their loss are his devoted siblings, Kent (Kim) Ryan, Kerry (Brigid) Ryan, Rhonda (Rob) Winklejohn, Tom (Colleen) Ryan, and Coleen (Jared) Parcell, in addition to many nieces and nephews, and his loving mother-in-law and godmother, Margie Kallenback; and

WHEREAS, Kevin touched the lives of everyone he met and will be sorely missed. He will be remembered forever for his kindness and compassion. All who knew him will continue to cherish the memories and celebrate his life, ensuring that Kevin's legacy will live on; and

WHEREAS, To his family and friends, we wish you peace, comfort, and encouragement in the days ahead and hope that the outpouring of love for Kevin will provide some comfort in this difficult time; now, therefore,

*Be It Resolved*, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this 4th day of October 2023, do hereby commemorate Kevin for his grace-filled life and extend our heartfelt condolences to his wife, Linda, his family, and his many friends and colleagues; and

*Be It Further Resolved*, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Kevin Ryan as a sign of our honor and respect.