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**CC ITEM #10**

Submitting a Resolution sponsored by

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and PRESIDENT JOHN H. STROGER, JR., County Commissioners

RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS** Almighty God in His Infinite Wisdom has called from our midst

**Ida Terkel**

**WHEREAS, Ida Terkel** was the loving wife of Louis "Studs" Terkel, and

**WHEREAS, Ida Terkel** was the affectionate mother of Dan, and

**WHEREAS, Ida Terkel** stood beside her husband, the author/radio host/Chicago Icon, Studs Terkel with a quiet combination of grace, dignity, humility and humor that made it impossible for those close to the couple to ever think of one without the other, and

**WHEREAS,** a friend of Ida and Studs stated, "It was her self-assurance and strength that helped Studs accomplish as much as he has. She was, on every level, his most important audience", and

**WHEREAS, Ida Terkel** met her husband at the Chicago Repertory Theatre Company. She was a social worker and he was a struggling actor. Studs said she was making more money than he was, so he borrowed twenty dollars for their first date. The rumor is he said he never paid her back, and

**WHEREAS, Ida Terkel** was described by her son in this manner, "Beneath that elfin exterior there was a real scrapper. As long as I can remember, I was impressed by her sense of fairness. Its been an ideal to which I've always aspired", and

**WHEREAS,** a deep social consciousness and a passionate political activism marked Ida's long life. The couple's circle of friends over the decades has included some of the most noted artists, performers and writers. But when asked whose opinion he valued most, Terkel would say, without hesitation, "Ida is my best critic", and

**WHEREAS, Ida Terkel,** appreciated but was never drawn to her husband's fame. Ida was a woman who knew exactly who she was. She was incredibly private and that was no act. Ida did not want attention because she did not need it. She was this giant of a person in a tiny frame, now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby offer its deepest sympathy and most heartfelt condolences to the family of Ida Terkel and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and a suitable copy of same be tendered to the family of Ida Terkel as testimony to her work towards social justice for all.