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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Robert E. Vorel, Sr., has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of eighty-seven; and

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

WHEREAS, A resident of Plainfield, Robert E. Vorel, Sr., was a widely admired business leader and the loving husband of Josephine, nee Cilek; and

WHEREAS, Robert E. Vorel, Sr., was the much-adored father of Bob, the late Dennis, Jeff and Tom, the grandfather of six and the great-grandfather of four; and

WHEREAS, During World War II, Robert E. Vorel, Sr., bravely served his country as an Army Combat Medic in Europe under General George S. Patton; and

WHEREAS, A highly decorated military veteran, Robert E. Vorel, Sr., earned a Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Combat Medical Badge First Award and the World War II Honorable Service Award; and

WHEREAS, Robert E. Vorel, Sr., later served under General Dwight Eisenhower at Frankfurt Allied Headquarters in Germany; and

WHEREAS, After his honorable discharge, Robert E. Vorel, Sr., returned home and enjoyed a long and highly successful career as a business entrepreneur; and

WHEREAS, Along with his brother, Joseph, Robert E. Vorel, Sr., founded a chain of local grocery stores called Country Corner Meat Markets; and

WHEREAS, After a successful run in the independent grocery and meat business, the Vorel brothers launched "Norge Village Self Service Dry Cleaning" and introduced Coin-Op Dry Cleaning to the Chicago marketplace, the first franchise of its kind in the nation; and

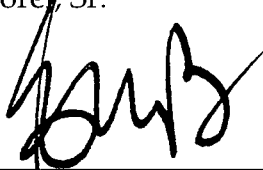
WHEREAS, In addition to two other business interests, Robert E. Vorel, Sr., also owned two savings and loans and a bank; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Robert E. Vorel, Sr., serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, Robert E. Vorel, Sr., 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 eighteenth day of April, 2012, do hereby commemorate Robert E. Vorel, Sr., for his grace-filled life and do hereby express our condolences to his family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Robert E. Vorel, Sr.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. B. B.', is written over a horizontal line.

Alderman - 14th Ward