

## City of Chicago

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12/9/2015 Burke (14) Resolution

Tribute to late Earl Lachman

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS,** Earl "Al" Lachman has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 97; and

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

**WHEREAS,** Earl "Al" Lachman was a Holocaust survivor and the loving husband of the late Judy; and

**WHEREAS,** Earl "Al" Lachman was the much-adored father of Joseph and Ronald, the grandfather of seven and the great-grandfather of one to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

**WHEREAS,** Earl "Al" Lachman was raised in Lodz, Poland, the son of a baker and candy maker; and

**WHEREAS,** After the outbreak of World War II, Earl "Al" Lachman was sent by the Nazis to Auschwitz-Birkenau and later to Kaufering concentration camp, a satellite of Dachau; and

**WHEREAS,** Many of Earl "Al" Lachman's relatives perished in the Chelmno extermination camp in Poland, including his father and brother; and

**WHEREAS,** Earl "Al" Lachman was liberated by American troops who rushed to feed the emaciated survivors; and

**WHEREAS,** Earl "Al" Lachman married his wife in 1948 in Sweden and in 1954 the couple emigrated to America; and

**WHEREAS,** During his career, Earl "Al" Lachman worked in manufacturing, knitted sweaters for a clothing shop and invested in real estate; and

**WHEREAS,** Earl "Al" Lachman was a Co-Founder and Honorary Vice President of the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center; and

**WHEREAS,** The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Earl "Al" Lachman serve as an example to all; and

**WHEREAS,** Earl "Al" Lachman will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

**WHEREAS,** To his beloved family, Earl "Al" Lachman 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 ninth day of December, 2015 do hereby commemorate Earl "Al" Lachman 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 Earl "Al" Lachman.

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