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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, William A. Barnett has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of ninety-four; and

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

WHEREAS, William A. Barnett was a widely admired member of the legal community and the loving husband of the late Evelyn, nee Yates; and

WHEREAS, William Barnett was the much-adored father of William, Leone, Theresa, and Kathleen, the grandfather of five and the great-grandfather of three to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities which he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, A native of Chicago, William A. Barnett earned both his undergraduate and law degrees from Loyola University of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, William A. Barnett was admitted to the bar in 1941, shortly after enlisting in the United States Army and served his country as a Sergeant in the Counterintelligence Corps; and

WHEREAS, Upon returning home from the war, William Barnett married his wife and the couple settled in the Edgewater community where they raised a close and loving family; and

WHEREAS, William A. Barnett prosecuted high-profile cases, including the conviction of Chicago mobster Paul "the Waiter" Ricca, while head of U.S. Attorney Robert Tieken's criminal tax division; and

WHEREAS, William A. Barnett later enjoyed a long and illustrious career as a prominent defense attorney specializing in tax cases; and

WHEREAS, William A. Barnett was a longtime member of the American Bar Association and a valued participant in such organizations as the Rotary Club and the Chicago Walkers; and

WHEREAS, The hard work and dedication of William A. Barnett serve as an example to all; and

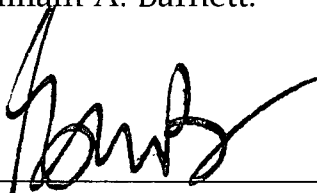
WHEREAS, His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared William A. Barnett to his family members, friends and all who knew him, and enabled him to enrich their lives in ways they will never forget; and

WHEREAS, William A. Barnett will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, William A. Barnett 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 sixth day of July, 2011, do hereby commemorate William A. Barnett 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 William A. Barnett.



Alderman - 14th Ward