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Tribute to late Robert M. Loncar

**Committee(s) Assignment:** 

## TRIBUTE TO ROBERT M. LONCAR

WHEREAS, God in His Infinite Wisdom and Judgment has called to his Eternal Reward Robert M. Loncar, a generous contributor; and

WHEREAS, Robert M. Loncar was born on January 1, 1928 to Marko Loncar and Catherine Loncar (Musa). Other members of his family include his sister, Marie A. Maras, and his late brothers, John and Mark; and

WHEREAS, Robert Loncar graduated from Sacred Heart Grammar School and Mount Carmel High School. At the age of 16, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was with the Naval Occupation Forces as well as patrolled the waters at Nagasaki and Tokyo Bay. Because no precautions were taken, he later suffered three bouts of cancer and was discharged in June of 1946; and

WHEREAS, In 1928, Robert Loncar's Croatian immigrant parents opened a family tavern on 92<sup>nd</sup> Street in Chicago. Robert Loncar managed the family business, Loncar Liquors, in the 1950's before becoming the sole owner. He was a caring man who purchased Bardelli's, a candy store, in order for the neighborhood kids to have a local place to buy their candy from. Furthermore, he donated much of his time to Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and sponsored Girl and Boy Scout Troops as well as local school events, bowling, baseball, softball and bocce ball teams; and

WHEREAS, A fire demolished Robert Loncar's awards and his hard copy proof of his generosity in February of 2000. Too determined to give in, he rebuilt a new establishment with the help of his life long friends. Four years later, he retired, leaving "Loncar Liquors" to further service the community with his chicken dinners; and

WHEREAS, Robert M. Loncar, of South Holland, passed away on Tuesday after encountering a third struggle of cancer that might have came about because of the radiation in Nagasaki after the atomic bomb was dropped in Japan; and

WHEREAS, Robert M. Loncar leaves to cherish his memory, his wife Sherry, his sister Marie A. Maras, and a host of nephews, nieces, and grad-nieces.

WHEREAS, The Honorable John A. Pope, Alderman of the 10<sup>th</sup> Ward, has informed this august body of the passing of this noteworthy contributor; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago gathered here this day do hereby express our deepest condolences of the passing of Robert M. Loncar and extend to his family and friends our deepest sympathy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared to the family of Robert M. Loncar.

Alderman- 10<sup>th</sup> Ward