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<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Herbert David Kelleher has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 87; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Herbert David Kelleher was a leader in the field of aviation and the loving husband of Joan; and

**WHEREAS**, Herbert David Kelleher was the much-adored father of four children and the grandfather of nine to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

**WHEREAS**, Herbert David Kelleher was a Co-Founder and Chairman Emeritus of Southwest Airlines and a widely recognized pioneer of affordable air travel; and

**WHEREAS**, Raised Audubon, New Jersey, Herbert David Kelleher graduated from Wesleyan University and New York University School of Law; and

**WHEREAS**, Herbert David Kelleher created the concept for the discount airliner with businessman Rollin King and banker John Parker; and

**WHEREAS**, The first Southwest Airlines flight took off on June 18, 1971 and the company went on to become one of the largest in the United States, enjoying decades of profitability; and

**WHEREAS**, Herbert David Kelleher was also known for his colorful persona which helped to mold the 63,000-member workforce of Southwest Airlines into a corporate culture in which employees felt free to display humor while taking their jobs seriously; and

**WHEREAS**, Herbert David Kelleher was a past Chair of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Herbert David Kelleher serve as an example to all; and

**WHEREAS**, His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared Herbert David Kelleher 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**, Herbert David Kelleher was an individual of great integrity and accomplishment who will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

**WHEREAS**, To his beloved family, Herbert David Kelleher 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 twenty-third day of January, 2019, do hereby commemorate Herbert David Kelleher 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 Herbert David Kelleher.

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

*Alderman - 14<sup>th</sup> Ward*