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**Title:** Tribute to late Raymond Aubrac  
**Committee(s) Assignment:**

## *RESOLUTION*

WHEREAS, Raymond Aubrac has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of ninety-seven; and

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

WHEREAS, Raymond Aubrac was a legendary leader in the French Resistance during World War II and the devoted husband of the late Lucie; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Aubrac was the much-adored father of three children and the grandfather of ten to whom he imparted the fine and noble qualities which he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, After studying law and earning a master's degree in science from Harvard University, Raymond Aubrac served in France on the Maginot line at the start of World War II; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Aubrac became a leading figure in the underground fight against the Nazi occupation of France; and

WHEREAS, Along with his wife, Raymond Aubrac joined the French Resistance and was arrested, interrogated, and tortured by the infamous head of the Gestapo, Klaus Barbie; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Aubrac's parents were deported to the Nazi concentration camp at Auschwitz where they died during the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, At the conclusion of the war, Raymond Aubrac served as regional commissioner of the Republic at Marseille before taking up the national post of inspector general for reconstruction; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Aubrac remained politically active throughout his life and shared his wartime experiences with students at many schools and colleges; and

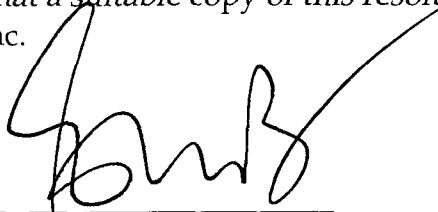
WHEREAS, Raymond Aubrac was a Grand Officer of the Légion d'Honneur and was a recipient of the Croix de Guerre and the Rosette de la Résistance; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Aubrac will be remembered as one of the quiet heroes who saved the honor of France; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, Raymond Aubrac 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-fourth day of April, 2012, do hereby commemorate Raymond Aubrac 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 Raymond Aubrac.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. B. B.', is written over a horizontal line. A long, sweeping stroke extends from the end of the signature upwards and to the right, crossing over the text of the resolution above.

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