



# City of Chicago



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<b>Title:</b>	Tribute to late Honorable John W. Rogers, Sr.
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** The Honorable John W. Rogers, Sr., has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of ninety-five; and

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

**WHEREAS,** A resident of the Hyde Park community, the Honorable John W. Rogers, Sr., was a retired jurist and the loving husband of Gwendolyn; and

**WHEREAS,** The Honorable John W. Rogers, Sr., was the much-adored father of John W. Rogers, Jr., to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

**WHEREAS,** The Honorable John W. Rogers, Sr., was a native of Knoxville, Tennessee, and moved to Chicago to be raised by an uncle after both of his parents died; and

**WHEREAS,** During World War II, the Honorable John W. Rogers, Sr., was a fighter pilot and one of the original twenty-eight Tuskegee Airmen, flying 120 missions over Europe; and

**WHEREAS,** After returning home from the war, the Honorable John W. Rogers, Sr., earned his law degree from the University of Chicago and worked in private practice before being appointed to the bench in 1977; and

**WHEREAS,** The Honorable John W. Rogers, Sr., brought justice and compassion to his judicial tenure and served for twenty-one years as a Cook County Juvenile Court Judge; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2012, President Barack Obama presented the Honorable John W. Rogers, Sr., and his fellow Tuskegee Airmen with the Congressional Gold Medal; and

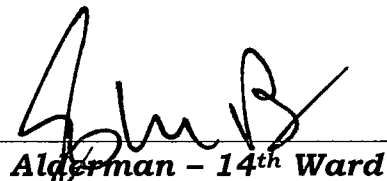
**WHEREAS,** The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of the Honorable John W. Rogers, Sr., serve as an example to all; and

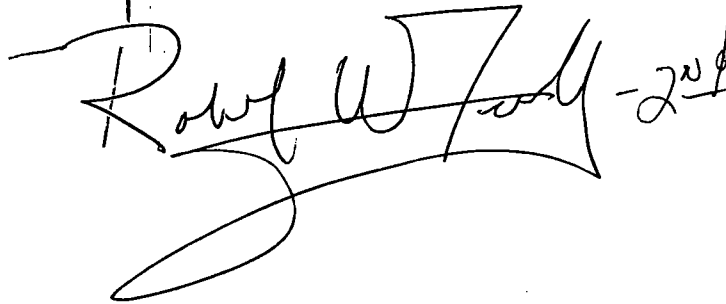
**WHEREAS,** The Honorable John W. Rogers, Sr., will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

**WHEREAS,** To his beloved family, the Honorable John W. Rogers, Sr., 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 fifth day of February, 2014, do hereby commemorate the Honorable John W. Rogers, Sr., 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 the Honorable John W. Rogers, Sr.

  
Algerman - 14<sup>th</sup> Ward

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