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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Mal Whitfield has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 91; and

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

WHEREAS, Mal Whitfield was a Tuskegee Airman and an Olympic gold medalist who won track and field titles in the 1948 and 1952 games; and

WHEREAS, Raised in Los Angeles, Mal Whitfield joined the United States Army Air Force after graduating from high school in 1943; and

WHEREAS, Mal Whitfield bravely served his country as a member of the 100th Fighter Squadron of 332nd Fighter Group and participated in 27 combat missions during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, Affectionately known as “Marvelous Mal,” Mal Whitfield was a former star athlete at Ohio State University; and

WHEREAS, Mal Whitfield worked for decades as a sports affairs officer for the United States Information Agency; and

WHEREAS, A goodwill sports ambassador, Mal Whitfield visited countries throughout Europe, the Middle East and Africa and trained countless athletes in sports and field; and

WHEREAS, Following a long and illustrious career in government service, Mal Whitfield retired in 1989; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Mal Whitfield serve as an example to all; and

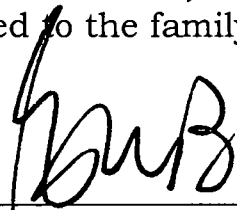
WHEREAS, His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared Mal Whitfield to his family members, friends and all who knew him, and enabled him to enrich their lives in ways they will never forget; and

WHEREAS, Mal Whitfield 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, Mal Whitfield 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 ninth day of December, 2015 do hereby commemorate Mal Whitfield 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 Mal Whitfield.

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

Alderman - 14th Ward