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Committee(s) Assignment:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Robert Markus has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 81; and

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

WHEREAS, Robert Markus was a widely admired member of the journalism community and the loving husband of the late Leslie; and

WHEREAS, Robert Markus was the much-adored father of Mike, Trish and Cathy and the grandfather of two to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, A native of Chicago, Robert Markus graduated from Kelvyn Park High School on the Northwest Side and earned a degree in journalism from the University of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Robert Markus worked for the *Moline Daily Dispatch* before joining the *Chicago Tribune* in 1959; and

WHEREAS, Robert Markus ably served for 37 years as a copy editor, columnist and sports reporter for the *Chicago Tribune*; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Robert Markus was admired by his colleagues for his speed and accuracy under deadline in the newsroom; and

WHEREAS, Known for his concise and powerful writing style, Robert Markus covered high-profile stories, including the terrorist attack at the 1972 Summer Olympics in Munich and the legendary tennis match between Bobby Riggs and Billie Jean King in 1973; and

WHEREAS, In 1984 Robert Markus co-authored "High and Inside," the autobiography of baseball legend Orlando Cepeda and published a collection of his columns in 2011 entitled "I'll Play These."

WHEREAS, The hard work, journalistic talent and dedication of Robert Markus serve as an example to all; and

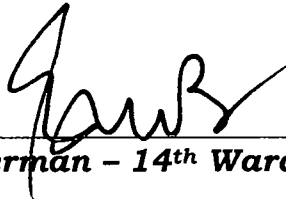
WHEREAS, His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared Robert Markus to his family members, friends and all who knew him, and enabled him to enrich their lives in ways they will never forget; and

WHEREAS, Robert Markus 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, Robert Markus 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 eighteenth day of November 2015, do hereby commemorate Robert Markus 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 Robert Markus.

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

Alderman - 14th Ward