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Sponsor(s): Burke, Edward M. (14)
Type: Resolution
Title: Tribute to late Robert Wiedrich
Committee(s) Assignment:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Robert Wiedrich has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of eighty-five; and

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

WHEREAS, A native of Chicago, Robert Wiedrich was a highly respected journalist and the loving husband for fifty years of Margery; and

WHEREAS, Robert Wiedrich was the much-adored father of Michael, Deborah, Karen, and Barbara, the grandfather of four and the great-grandfather of one to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, Robert Wiedrich was one of Chicago's best-known watchdog reporters who for more than four decades covered a wide variety of stories, including organized crime activities, police department scandals, and the conditions inside mental health facilities; and

WHEREAS, After serving his country as a Sergeant in the United States military during World War II, Robert Wiedrich began his journalism career as a copy boy at the *City News Bureau of Chicago*, the legendary local wire service ; and

WHEREAS, Robert Wiedrich joined the *Chicago Tribune* in 1950, working as a reporter, columnist, and associate metropolitan editor; and

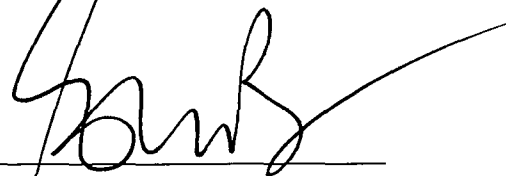
WHEREAS, One of Robert Wiedrich 's most memorable assignments was his coverage of the 1958 Our Lady of the Angels fire, a tragedy which claimed the lives of ninety-two children and three adults; and

WHEREAS, Following a long and highly successful career, Robert Wiedrich retired from the *Chicago Tribune* in the early 1990s and made oral recordings of *Chicago Tribune* employees for the archive at Cantigny, the home of the McCormick Tribune Foundation; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, Robert Wiedrich 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 Robert Wiedrich 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 Wiedrich.

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

Alderman - 14th Ward