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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Honorable John Schwartz has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of eighty-six; and

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

WHEREAS, The Honorable John Schwartz was a widely admired member of the judicial community and the loving husband of Elizabeth "Betsy"; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable John Schwartz was the much-adored father of Nora, Sarah and Andrew and the grandfather of three to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities which he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, For more than a decade, the Honorable John Schwartz served as Chief Judge for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois and improved both its overall reputation and internal morale; and

WHEREAS, From nursery school through law school, the Honorable John Schwartz attended University of Chicago schools where his education was interrupted only to serve his country in the military during World War II; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable John Schwartz graduated from law school in 1950 and worked as an assistant U.S. attorney before going into private practice; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable John Schwartz was appointed to the bankruptcy court in 1984 where he worked to create an atmosphere of friendship, cooperation, and good humor in what had previously been an adversarial work environment; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable John Schwartz had great compassion for the people who appeared before his court, and found much fulfillment in helping them to resolve their problems; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable John Schwartz created a professional development program which allows bankruptcy judges from around the country to share experiences and discuss legal ideas; and

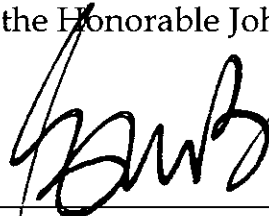
WHEREAS, The hard work, dedication and sacrifice of the Honorable John Schwartz serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable John Schwartz will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends, and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, the Honorable John Schwartz 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 fourteenth day of December, 2011, do hereby commemorate the Honorable John Schwartz 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 Schwartz.

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

Alderman - 14th Ward