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Title:	Tribute to late William T. Coleman, Jr.
Committee(s) Assignment:	

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, William T. Coleman Jr. has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 96; and

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

WHEREAS, William T. Coleman Jr. was a widely admired member of the legal community and the loving husband of Lovida; and

WHEREAS, William T. Coleman Jr. was the much-adored father of Hardin, William and Lovida and the grandfather of four to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, William T. Coleman Jr. served in World War II and graduated from Harvard Law School and was among the first African-Americans to serve on the *Harvard Law Review*; and

WHEREAS, Following graduation, William T. Coleman Jr. clerked for U.S. Appeals Court Judge Herbert Goodrich and Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter; and

WHEREAS, William T. Coleman Jr. was a civil rights attorney who won several landmark cases before the Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, William T. Coleman Jr. worked on a series of cases that were combined into Brown versus Board of Education which made school segregation illegal; and

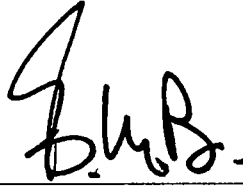
WHEREAS, William T. Coleman Jr. served as U.S. Transportation Secretary under President Gerald R. Ford; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of William T. Coleman Jr. serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, William T. Coleman Jr. 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 nineteenth day of April, 2017, do hereby commemorate William T. Coleman Jr. 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 William T. Coleman Jr.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. H. B.' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Alderman - 14th Ward