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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ira Weinstein 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, A longtime resident of Glencoe, Ira Weinstein was a decorated World War II airman and the loving husband of Marilyn and the late Norma; and

WHEREAS, Ira Weinstein was the much-adored father of Terri and Laura and the grandfather of two to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, Ira Weinstein owned the Schram Advertising company for more than forty years until it was sold in 1990 and became Temkin & Temkin; and

WHEREAS, A native of Chicago, Ira Weinstein bravely served his country during World War II as a United States Army Air Force bombardier and navigator assigned to the 445th Bomb Group; and

WHEREAS, Ira Weinstein participated in a bombing raid on September 27, 1944 that targeted Kassel, Germany, an industrial center that manufactured tanks, assembled trains and made guns; and

WHEREAS, During the ill-fated Kassel Mission, nearly all of the B-25 Liberators sent on the mission were shot down as they were attacked from behind by an estimated 150 German fighter planes; and

WHEREAS, The raid resulted in the most tragic one-day loss to any American bomb group during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Ira Weinstein's plane was among those shot down and he spent the rest of the war as a prisoner; and

WHEREAS, Ira Weinstein was eventually liberated by advancing Russian troops and was awarded a Purple Heart and the French Croix de Guerre; and

WHEREAS, For 20 years, Ira Weinstein served on the board of the Kassel Mission Historical Society where he memorialized the bravery of those who lost their lives in the mission; and

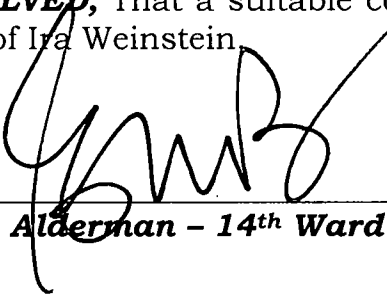
WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Ira Weinstein serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, A member of our "Greatest Generation," Ira Weinstein will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, Ira Weinstein 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 sixteenth day of March, 2016, do hereby commemorate Ira Weinstein 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 Ira Weinstein.



Alderman - 14th Ward