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Committee(s) Assignment:	

WHEREAS, Walter J. Eliassen was born on January 28, 1935, raised in the Albany Park area of Chicago where he attended Haugan Elementary School and Lane Technical High School, and has been a Mayfair resident since 1972; and

WHEREAS, in 1954, Walter enlisted in the United States Air Force where he trained as a weapons mechanic at Lowry Air Force Base in Denver, Colorado; thereafter he received additional training in B-52 Bomber Weapons for his assignment to the Strategic Air Command; and

WHEREAS, Walter was transferred to Kadina Army Base; Okinawa, Japan and to Clark Air Force Base, Luzon, Philippines in preparation for "Operation Bed Check" where the Armistice concerning the 38th parallel (Korean Conflict) was to run out and that a show of force was needed in the region; and

WHEREAS, over the next year and nine months, Walter was deployed to Japan, Korea, and Formosa while the United States was involved in the bombardment of the Islands of Quemoy and Matsu where thereafter he received an Honorable Discharge and Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, after his discharge in the military, Walter married Beatrice "Bea" (nee Fitzpatrick) Eliassen, began to hold various careers in the trade industry; raised two sons, Blair and Curt, and became grandfather to Becky, 29, and Kyle, 10; and

WHEREAS, Walter's civic and community service volunteerism has gone above and beyond as a member of the Mayfair Civic Association, first serving on the Safety and Traffic Committee, and in recent years contributing his efforts in beautifying the neighborhood by cleaning up litter on the streets and sidewalks of Mayfair and maintaining the parkway gardens on Lawrence Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Walter's continued volunteerism as a past member of the Mayfair Park Advisory Council and a parishioner of St. Edward's church, demonstrates his pride for his neighborhood and City; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the Chicago City Council, gathered here this second day of November, 2011, do hereby recognize and thank Walter J. Eliassen for his service to his country and community; and

Be It Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Walter and Bea Eliassen, and their immediate family


MARGARET LAURINO
Alderman, 39th Ward

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