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Tribute to late Bob Kotalik

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Bob Kotalik has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of eighty-seven; and

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

WHEREAS, Raised on the West Side, Bob Kotalik was a veteran Chicago newspaper photographer and the loving husband of Pearl; and

WHEREAS, Bob Kotalik was the much-adored stepfather of Margie to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, Bob Kotalik joined the *Chicago-Sun*, a predecessor of the *Chicago Sun-Times*, in 1942 and served his country during the end of World War II; and

WHEREAS, Bob Kotalik enjoyed a forty-seven year career at the *Chicago Sun-Times* during which time he chronicled movie stars and tragedies, such as the Our Lady of the Angels fire; and

WHEREAS, Known for his news instincts, Bob Kotalik had a knack for anticipating events and standing in just the right place to get the right shot; and

WHEREAS, Because of his veteran knowledge of both Chicago and his profession, Bob Kotalik was widely respected by those who worked under him; and

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

WHEREAS, His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared Bob Kotalik to his family members, friends and all who knew him, and enabled him to enrich their lives in ways they will never forget; and

WHEREAS, Bob Kotalik will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, Bob Kotalik imparts a legacy of faithfulness, service and dignity; now, therefore

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BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this fifth day of June, 2013, do hereby commemorate Bob Kotalik 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 Bob Kotalik.

Alderman - 14th Ward