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Tribute to late Dr. Gary Becker

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Dr. Gary Becker has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 83; and

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

WHEREAS, One of the most influential economists of the 20th Century, Dr. Gary Becker was a Nobel Prize-winning Professor of Economics and Sociology at the University of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, A native of Pottsville, Pennsylvania, Dr. Gary Becker was raised in Brooklyn, New York, and studied mathematics at Princeton University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gary Becker earned a master's degree and a Ph.D in Economics from the University of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gary Becker began teaching at the university in 1954 as an Assistant Professor; and

WHEREAS, Following more than a decade at Columbia University, Dr. Gary Becker returned to the University of Chicago in 1970 where he would spend the rest of his career; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gary Becker won the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences in 1992 "for having extended the domain of microeconomic analysis to a wide range of human behavior and interaction, including non-market behavior"; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gary Becker was an esteemed advisor and mentor to generations of students, many of whom became prominent educators; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Dr. Gary Becker serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gary Becker will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

WHEREAS, To his loving wife, Guity, and his beloved family, Dr. Gary Becker 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 twenty-eighth day of May, 2014, do hereby commemorate Dr. Gary Becker 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 Dr. Gary Becker.

Alderman – 14th Ward