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Tribute to Philip Wherry

WHEREAS, On December 29, 2011, in His Infinite Wisdom, Almighty God has granted eternal rest to Philip Wherry; and

WHEREAS, Philip Wherry started his life's journey in 1939. He was the beloved husband of Helen (Cookie) Wherry; loving father of his daughter, Chandler; his brother, Richard (Nancy) Wherry; and a loving circle of family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Philip was educated at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.; graduated from the University of Miami, where he met his future wife, Helen (Cookie) Reichert; and

WHEREAS, After moving to Chicago, Philip proceeded to obtain a degree from IIT Kent College of Law, Philip became a senior clerk to the late Federal Judge Julius J. Hoffman in Chicago. He became an associate at the law firm of Winston & Strawn before founding the firm of Abrams & Wherry; and

WHEREAS, Philip had a life-long devotion to the community and historic preservation; he worked diligently to achieve down-zoning of the Gold Coast and Near North Side Neighborhoods. For 30 years, Philip was worked with the North Dearborn Association, ultimately serving seven terms as its President; Philip's devotion to the community led to his founding of the of the Near North Preservation Coalition; and

WHEREAS, Philip's passion for preservation can be seen in the restoration of the Rookery, it was in his time with the Lincoln Park Conservancy that he achieved this milestone. Philip's legacy survives in the Chicago Public Library on Division Street, which he coordinated while serving as the Chair of the Citizen's Committee; and

WHEREAS, He was an appreciator and subscriber to the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Lyric Opera of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Philip "tasted of life fully" by venturing across the Globe; Cookie and Philip had ridden motorcycles across Northern Europe reaching the Arctic Circle, traversed Europe, steamed across the Nile River, and camped in East Africa; and


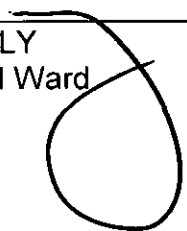
WHEREAS, Philip Wherry had had a zest for life and was loving, wise, tolerant, selfless, compassionate, uncompromisingly honest, self-reliant, and strong spirit and

body and had a positive impact on all with whom he had contact in both her working and personal relations; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Brendan Reilly, Alderman of the 42nd Ward where Philip Wherry resided, has informed this august body of the loss of this outstanding citizen and member of his community; and

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, assembled this 18th day of January, 2012 A.D., do hereby express our sincere sorrow at the passing of Philip Wherry and extend our deepest condolences to his family and all those whose lives he touched; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Philip Wherry.



BRENDAN REILLY
Alderman – 42nd Ward