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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert Chapman Buckley has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 94; and

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

WHEREAS, A resident of Arlington Heights, the Honorable Robert Chapman Buckley was a widely admired member of the judiciary and the loving husband of Patricia Eileen, nee O'Callahan; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert Chapman Buckley was the much-adored father of Gabrielle, Robert Jr., Peter, Patrick and Jacqueline and the grandfather of five to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert Chapman Buckley was a retired Justice of the Illinois Appellate Court; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert Chapman Buckley bravely served his country as a pilot, navigator and radar operator and flew daytime raids in B-17 bombers out of England during World War II; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his valiant service to his country, the Honorable Robert Chapman Buckley was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the European Theatre Ribbon with four battle stars and an Army Commendation Ribbon; and

WHEREAS, Following the war, the Honorable Robert Chapman Buckley graduated from DePaul University and Georgetown Law School; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert Chapman Buckley served during the Korean War flying aircraft that refueled jets and was in the Strategic Air Command and JAG Corps during the Vietnam War and retired as a Colonel; and

WHEREAS, Upon his return to Chicago, the Honorable Robert Chapman Buckley opened a private law practice; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert Chapman Buckley became a Cook County magistrate in 1966, then an Associate Judge and was elected in 1972 as Circuit Court Judge; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert Chapman Buckley was appointed to the Illinois Appellate Court 1978 and was elected to the Appellate Court in 1981; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert Chapman Buckley was Presiding Judge of the First District from 1983 to 1986; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert Chapman Buckley retired from the Illinois Appellate Court in 2002; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of the Honorable Robert Chapman Buckley serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, the Honorable Robert Chapman Buckley 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 thirteenth day of December, 2017, do hereby commemorate the Honorable Robert Chapman Buckley 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 the Honorable Robert Chapman Buckley.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. W. J.', is written over a horizontal line.

Alderman - 14th Ward