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**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF  
JAMES R. ZWIT**

**WHEREAS**, James "Jim" R. Zwit, beloved husband, father, grandfather, former Chicago Police officer, and proud Vietnam veteran, passed away on March 12, 2021 at 70 years of age; and

**WHEREAS**, The Chicago City Council has been informed of James's passing by the Honorable Derrick G. Curtis, Alderman of the 18th Ward; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim grew up on the Southwest Side and went to St. Bede the Venerable Grade school and Bogan High School before attending what was then called the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle; he enlisted in the Army in 1970 and served in the 501st Battalion of the 2nd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam; and

**WHEREAS**, In Vietnam, while on a mission to retrieve the body of an American soldier with 78 men, Jim's company was ambushed, eight soldiers were killed, and Jim suffered what many doctors thought were life threatening injuries; however he persevered; and

**WHEREAS**, After recovering, Jim spent decades locating the families of the eight soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice in his company during the ambush and personally delivered their stories to the soldiers' families and helped them find closure; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim made it his mission to become a voice for veterans and he actively maintained contact with his fellow soldiers and organized gatherings, volunteered with Honor Flights Chicago, and spoke at several schools across the City to educate future generations about war and the heroes who fight in them; and

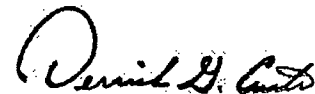
**WHEREAS**, With a charismatic personality that lit up every room he was in, Jim touched countless lives in his unique and special way; he was passionate and driven and gave his all to the people he loved; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim was the beloved husband of Grace (nee Guerrero) Zwit; father of Jennifer (Brian) Hennessy, Jeffrey (Theresa) Zwit, Vincent (Maggie) Zwit and Christian Zwit; grandfather of Skylar, Lola, Ruby and Aria; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim will forever be remembered as a bright light to many and he will be missed by all who knew and loved him; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this twenty-seventh day of April, 2022, do hereby extend our most heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of James R. Zwit; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of James R. Zwit as a sign of our honor and respect.



DERRICK G. CURTIS  
Alderman, 18th Ward