



# City of Chicago



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<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** John James McGinty, III, has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of seventy-three; and

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

**WHEREAS,** A native of Boston, John James McGinty, III, was a military hero and a recipient of the Medal of Honor; and

**WHEREAS,** John James McGinty, III, was the much-adored father of John James IV and Michael to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

**WHEREAS,** Raised in Kentucky, John James McGinty, III, joined the United States Marine Corps after graduating from high school; and

**WHEREAS,** John James McGinty, III, was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions in 1966 during the Vietnam War in Quang Tri Province; and

**WHEREAS,** As a platoon Sergeant leading a thirty-two man force, John James McGinty, III, played a crucial role in repelling waves of enemy advances during a four-hour battle; and

**WHEREAS,** John James McGinty, III, braved relentless fire to reach two vastly outnumbered squads that had become separated from the platoon; and

**WHEREAS,** Finding more than twenty of the soldiers wounded and the medical corpsman killed, John James McGinty, III, hurriedly reloaded his fellow soldiers' weapons and directed fire on the enemy; and

**WHEREAS,** Despite his own severe injuries, John James McGinty, III, called in air strikes that routed the enemy and left more than five-hundred bodies on the battlefield; and

**WHEREAS,** Described as cool, competent and smart, John James McGinty, III, was promoted to Lieutenant and later served as a drill instructor at a Marine Corps training center at Parris Island, South Carolina; and

**WHEREAS,** John James McGinty, III, retired as a Captain from active duty and worked for the Veteran's Administration Medical Center in San Diego, California; and

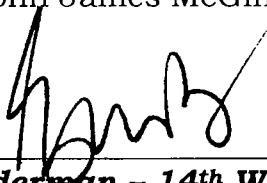
**WHEREAS,** The extreme bravery, sacrifice and dedication of John James McGinty, III, serve as an example to all; and

**WHEREAS,** John James McGinty, III, will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

**WHEREAS,** To his beloved family, John James McGinty, III, 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 fifth day of February, 2014, do hereby commemorate John James McGinty, III, 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 John James McGinty, III.

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**Alderman - 14<sup>th</sup> Ward**