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3/18/2015 Burke (14) Resolution Tribute to late Edward J. "Eddie" Zolņa, Sr.

Committee(s) Assignment:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Edward J. "Eddie" Zolna, Sr., has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 85; and

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

WHEREAS, A native of Chicago's Southwest Side, Edward J. "Eddie" Zolna, Sr., was a legendary amateur softball player and the loving husband for 62 years of Lorraine, nee Zaitz; and

WHEREAS, Edward J. "Eddie" Zolna, Sr., was the much-adored father of Eddie Jr., Judy, Jayne and Jeanne, the grandfather of seven and the great-grandfather of two to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, Raised at 51st and Washtenaw in the Gage Park community where his parents ran Zolna's tavern, Edward J. "Eddie" Zolna, Sr., was the son of the late John and Johanna and the dear brother of Mary and the late Anthony, John and Ann; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from high school, Edward J. "Eddie" Zolna, Sr., served for a decade as a Chicago Police Officer and Detective before establishing the Zolna Insurance Agency; and

WHEREAS, Edward J. "Eddie" Zolna, Sr., will most be remembered for his standout athletic ability as an amateur softball player that won him fame both in Chicago and across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Along with his team, the Bobcats, Edward J. "Eddie" Zolna, Sr., won twelve national championships and he pitched in more than 5,000 games over six decades; and

WHEREAS, Edward J. "Eddie" Zolna, Sr., was a member of the National A.S.A. Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City, the Chicago 16-inch Softball Hall of Fame and the Illinois A.S.A. Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Edward J. "Eddie" Zolna, Sr., serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared Edward J. "Eddie" Zolna to his family members, friends and all who knew him, and enabled him to enrich their lives in ways they will never forget; and

WHEREAS, Edward J. "Eddie" Zolna, Sr., will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, Edward J. "Eddie" Zolna, Sr., 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 eighteenth day of March, 2015, do hereby commemorate Edward J. "Eddie" Zolna, Sr., 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 Edward J. "Eddie" Zolna, Sr.

derman – 14th Ward