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Resolution

Tribute to late Richard C. Hottelet

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Richard C. Hottelet has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 97; and

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

WHEREAS, Richard C. Hottelet was a widely admired member of the journalism community and the loving husband of the late Ann; and

WHEREAS, Richard C. Hottelet was the much-adored father of the late Richard and Antonia, the grandfather of four and the great-grandfather of two to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, Richard C. Hottelet was the last surviving member of "Murrow's Boys," a pioneering group of World War II era journalists hired by the legendary newsman Edward R. Murrow; and

WHEREAS, Richard C. Hottelet began serving as a foreign correspondent for United Press in Berlin, Germany before the start of World War II; and

WHEREAS, Richard C. Hottelet spent time in a German prison on espionage charges before being freed and joining Murrow at CBS; and

WHEREAS, Richard C. Hottelet covered major campaigns of the war, including the D-Day invasion of Normandy and the Battle of the Bulge; and

WHEREAS, Richard C. Hottelet bailed out of a B-17 bomber while covering Operation Varsity in March of 1945 and landed in France after his aircraft was hit by German anti-aircraft fire over the Rhine River; and

WHEREAS, During the Cold War era, Richard C. Hottelet reported from Moscow, West Germany and the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, For decades, Richard C. Hottelet appeared on the CBS Evening News and Face the Nation; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Richard C. Hottelet serve as an example to all; and **WHEREAS,** His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared Richard C. Hottelet 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, Richard C. Hottelet will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, Richard C. Hottelet 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 twenty-first day of January, 2015, do hereby commemorate Richard C. Hottelet 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 Richard C. Hottelet.

Alderman – 14th Ward

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