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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Neil Armstrong has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of eighty-two; and

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

WHEREAS, A brilliant engineer and renowned astronaut, Neil Armstrong was the loving and devoted husband of Carol Knight; and

WHEREAS, Neil Armstrong was the much-adored father of two sons, one stepson and one stepdaughter and the grandfather of ten to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities which he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, As the Commander of the Apollo 11 spacecraft, Neil Armstrong made history on July 20, 1969 when he became the first man in the world to set foot on the moon; and

WHEREAS, The legendary words that Neil Armstrong spoke after taking those steps "one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind" - will remain forever enshrined in history; and

WHEREAS, A native of Ohio, Neil Armstrong was fascinated by aviation from early childhood, receiving a pilot's license before he learned to drive a car; and

WHEREAS, Prior to joining NASA, Neil Armstrong served as a Navy fighter pilot, flying seventy-eight combat missions during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, After earning a master's degree in aerospace engineering, Neil Armstrong joined NASA as a test pilot, flying more than two-hundred kinds of aircraft before being accepted into the agency's second astronaut class in 1962; and

WHEREAS, In 1966, Neil Armstrong performed the first successful space docking as part of the Gemini-8 mission, then guided the spacecraft through an emergency landing in the Pacific Ocean; and

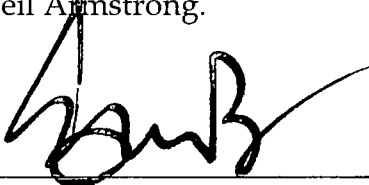
WHEREAS, Shortly after his historic moon landing, Neil Armstrong returned to Ohio to teach aerospace engineering at the University of Cincinnati, then went on to have a successful career in business; and

WHEREAS, Though he was the most visible face of the space program, Neil Armstrong was a reluctant American hero, shying away from the celebrity which was thrust upon him by his moonwalk in order to maintain the quiet life he preferred; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, Neil Armstrong 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 twelfth day of September, 2012, do hereby commemorate Neil Armstrong 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 Neil Armstrong.



Alderman - 14th Ward