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## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Harold D. Fitzsimmons has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 82; and

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

**WHEREAS**, A former longtime resident of Oak Park, Harold D. Fitzsimmons was the loving husband for more than 40 years of Helene, nee Bralles; and

**WHEREAS**, Harold D. Fitzsimmons was the much-adored father of Liz, Greg and Mary, the grandfather of three and the great-grandfather of three to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

**WHEREAS**, Harold D. Fitzsimmons was the dear brother of Jim; and

**WHEREAS**, A native of Boston and the son of an electrician, Harold D. Fitzsimmons served his country as a member of the United States Air Force during the Korean War; and

**WHEREAS**, A widely admired member of the law enforcement community, Harold D. Fitzsimmons began his career as a police officer in Riverside; and

**WHEREAS**, Affectionately known as "Fitz," Harold D. Fitzsimmons worked for 20 years with the Oak Park Police Department where he rose to become Deputy Chief; and

**WHEREAS**, Harold D. Fitzsimmons relished his role as a police officer and earned a reputation as a thorough investigator and adept interviewer who was especially known for his listening skills; and

**WHEREAS**, Harold D. Fitzsimmons was among the first detectives on the scene of the murder of legendary mob boss Sam Giancana who was found slain in the basement of his Oak Park home in 1975; and

**WHEREAS**, From 1983 to 1992, Harold D. Fitzsimmons was Chief of the Lisle Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Harold D. Fitzsimmons later worked as the Police Chief of the Brookfield Zoo and as an investigator for the DuPage Metropolitan Enforcement Group until his retirement in 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, Throughout his career, Harold D. Fitzsimmons upheld the finest and most noble traditions of his profession; and

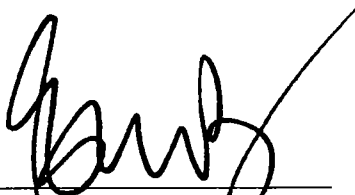
**WHEREAS,** The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Harold D. Fitzsimmons serve as an example to all; and

**WHEREAS,** Harold D. Fitzsimmons was an individual of great integrity and accomplishment who will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

**WHEREAS,** To his beloved family, Harold D. Fitzsimmons 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 May, 2016, do hereby commemorate Harold D. Fitzsimmons 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 Harold D. Fitzsimmons.

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