



# City of Chicago



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

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Michael J. Howlett, Jr., has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 65; and

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

**WHEREAS**, A resident of Winnetka, the Honorable Michael J. Howlett, Jr., was a Cook County Circuit Court Judge and the loving husband for forty-three years of Kathleen, nee Fitzgerald; and

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Michael J. Howlett, Jr., was the much-adored father of Elizabeth, Melissa and Catherine, and the grandfather of three to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

**WHEREAS**, The scion of a widely known political family, the Honorable Michael J. Howlett, Jr., was the eldest son of Helen, nee Geary, and the late Illinois Secretary of State Michael J. Howlett, Sr.; and

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Michael J. Howlett, Jr., was the fond brother of Robert, Edward, Catherine, Mary Christine and Helen; and

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Michael J. Howlett, Jr., graduated from St. John's University and University of Notre Dame Law School and clerked in federal courts in Chicago and for the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals; and

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Michael J. Howlett, Jr., enjoyed a varied career and briefly worked for the U.S. Attorney's Office before entering private practice; and

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Michael J. Howlett, Jr., was selected by Circuit Court Judges as an Associate Judge and served in that capacity from 1983 until 1986; and

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Michael J. Howlett, Jr., returned to the bench in 2005 when he was appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2006 the Honorable Michael J. Howlett, Jr., won election as a Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County and was retained for another six-year term in 2012; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout his highly distinguished judicial tenure, the Honorable Michael J. Howlett, Jr., earned a reputation for his fairness, diligence and civility and was widely respected by both prosecutors and defense attorneys; and

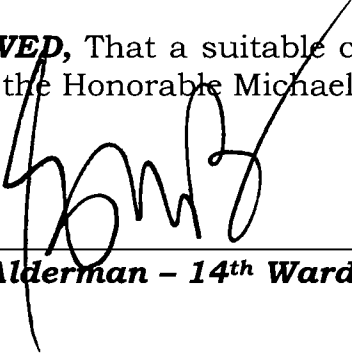
**WHEREAS,** The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of the Honorable Michael J. Howlett, Jr., serve as an example to all; and

**WHEREAS,** The Honorable Michael J. Howlett, Jr., will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

**WHEREAS,** To his beloved family, the Honorable Michael J. Howlett, Jr., 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 second day of April, 2014, do hereby commemorate the Honorable Michael J. Howlett, Jr., 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 the Honorable Michael J. Howlett, Jr.



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

