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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Jeremiah Denton has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 89; and

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

WHEREAS, The Honorable Jeremiah Denton was a former United States Senator from Alabama and the loving husband of Jane; and

WHEREAS, A native of Mobile, the Honorable Jeremiah Denton graduated from the United States Naval Academy and heroically served his country during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Jeremiah Denton was a pilot in the United States Navy who was shot down over North Vietnam and spent nearly seven years as a prisoner of war in the infamous "Hanoi Hilton"; and

WHEREAS, During his captivity, the Honorable Jeremiah Denton was forced to appear in a propaganda film but clerly blinked out the covert message T-O-R-T-U-R-E in Morris Code; and

WHEREAS, Jeremiah Denton wrote of his harsh treatment and confinement at the hands of the North Vietnamese in the book entitled "When Hell Was in Session"; and

WHEREAS, A recipient of the Navy Cross and other medals, the Honorable Jeremiah Denton retired from the Navy as a Rear Admiral and later embarked on a career in politics; and

WHEREAS, Jeremiah Denton served as the first Republican Senator since the Reconstruction Era from Alabama and carved out a reputation as an champion of maintaining a strong military capability and supported traditional values; and

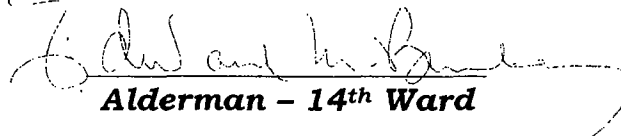
WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of the Honorable Jeremiah Denton serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Jeremiah Denton will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, the Honorable Jeremiah Denton 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 Jeremiah Denton 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 Jeremiah Denton.


Alderman - 14th Ward