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Committee(s) Assignment:	

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, William Lavicka has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of sixty-seven; and

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

WHEREAS, William Lavicka was a Chicago architect and preservationist and the loving husband of the late Alys; and

WHEREAS, William Lavicka was the much-adored father of Kelsey, Corey, and Amber to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities which he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, A rescuer of historic buildings, William Lavicka was instrumental in the rehabilitation of the City's Near West Side; and

WHEREAS, In the early 1970s William Lavicka purchased and restored a Victorian-era mansion in what is now known as the Jackson Boulevard Historic District; and

WHEREAS, William Lavicka was determined to rescue Chicago's most historic buildings, saving such structures as the old Maxwell Street Market and the old Cook County Hospital from the wrecking ball; and

WHEREAS, After earning an engineering degree from the Illinois Institute of Technology, William Lavicka completed a tour in Vietnam with the United States Navy; and

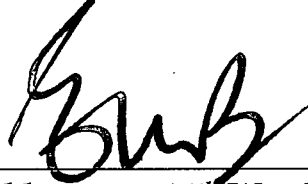
WHEREAS, By charging a fraction of what other engineering firms would consider standard, William Lavicka was able to restore a dozen or more historic churches on Chicago's West Side; and

WHEREAS, William Lavicka was responsible for Chicago's Vietnam Survivors Memorial located at 815 South Oakley Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, William Lavicka 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 ninth day of May, 2012, do hereby commemorate William Lavicka 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 William Lavicka.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'GWB', is written over a horizontal line.

Alderman - 14th Ward