



Office of the Chicago City
Clerk



R2012-538

Office of the City Clerk

City Council Document Tracking Sheet

Meeting Date: 5/9/2012
Sponsor(s): Cullerton, Timothy M. (38)
Type: Resolution
Title: Tribute to late John Phillips
Committee(s) Assignment:

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING JOHN PHILLIPS

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His Infinite wisdom and judgment has called to his eternal rest Dr. John Phillips, an outstanding citizen and beloved friend, Thursday, December 1, 2011, at the age of ninety-six; and

WHEREAS, This august body has been informed of his passing by the Honorable Timothy M. Cullerton, Alderman of the 38th Ward; and

WHEREAS, John Phillips was born on the near west side of Chicago in 1915. He graduated from St. Joseph's grammar school and attended St. Ignatius High School. John attended night school and served his country proudly in the U.S. Navy during World War II; and

WHEREAS, With steady professional advancement, John eventually became a vice president of engineering for Kroeschell Inc.; and

WHEREAS, In 1956 John and his wife, Anita moved into Chicago's Portage Park community. Their family grew with the birth of ten children, Loretta, John Jr., Tom, twins Elaine and Eileen, Susan, Chuck, Nancy, Anita and Jim; and

WHEREAS, The Phillips Family are were devout Christians who participated joyously with their congregation at Our Lady of Victory. John's most enduring legacy is his family. He believed that a quality education was the foundation for a successful future and made certain that his children took advantage of every opportunity afforded them. All ten children received parochial educations at schools ranging from Our Lady of Victory to high schools including Fenwick, Gordon Tech, Weber, Good Counsel and Alvernia; and

WHEREAS, John Phillips was a vital and active member of his family, church and community. He was a 'gentle giant' - a plain-speaking, yet sweet and humble man encased in a deceptively gruff exterior, whose loyalty, friendship and devotion to his family and friends will be deeply missed. John died with many of his ten children at his side, along with some of his 22 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren: and

WHEREAS, In a long and productive life, Dr. Phillips reached out to touch many and typified the strength and solidity of family life. A cherished friend and a good neighbor to all, Dr. Phillips had enriched the lives of the young and the old. He will be deeply missed, but the memory of his character, intelligence and compassion will live on in those who knew and loved him; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and the members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, on this ninth day of May 2012 A.D., do hereby express our sorrow on the passing of Dr. John Phillips and extend to his family our sincere condolences.

Be It Further Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Dr. John Phillips.

2012 MAY -4 AM 10:18

RECEIVED
CITY COUNCIL DIVISION

TIMOTHY M. CULLERTON
Alderman - 38th Ward