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## ***RESOLUTION***

***WHEREAS***, Dr. James W. West has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of ninety-eight; and

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

***WHEREAS***, Dr. James W. West was a widely admired member of the medical community and the loving husband of Maureen; and

***WHEREAS***, Dr. James W. West was the much-adored father of six children and two stepchildren, the grandfather of nine and the great-grandfather of four to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities which he possessed in abundance; and

***WHEREAS***, A pioneer in the fields of organ transplant and addiction treatment, Dr. James W. West earned his medical degree from Loyola University and had a surgical career which spanned four decades; and

***WHEREAS***, In 1950, while a surgeon at Little Company of Mary Hospital in Evergreen Park, Dr. James W. West played a significant role in one of the nation's first successful kidney transplants; and

***WHEREAS***, A native of Chicago, Dr. James W. West was a recovering alcoholic who used his personal experience to improve and promote substance abuse programs; and

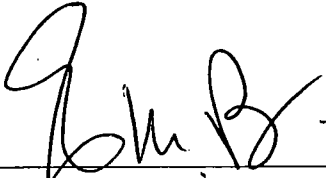
***WHEREAS***, Dr. James W. West taught psychiatry at the University of Chicago and Rush Medical School and helped found Chicago's Haymarket Center; and

***WHEREAS***, Dr. James W. West will be remembered by his friends and colleagues as a healer, teacher, and friend; and

***WHEREAS***, To his beloved family, Dr. James W. West 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 twelfth day of September, 2012, do hereby commemorate Dr. James W. West 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 Dr. James W. West.



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