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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Mike Parker has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 75; and

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

WHEREAS, A resident of the Beverly community, Mike Parker was a widely admired member of the broadcast community and the loving husband of Marian; and

WHEREAS, Known for his authority, intelligence and wit, Mike Parker was a trusted anchor and reporter for *WBBM-TV* in Chicago for 35 years; and

WHEREAS, Mike Parker once said he strived to both report the facts and to tell a "compelling narrative; a story that would fascinate the viewer"; and

WHEREAS, Mike Parker began his broadcast career in high school in Davenport, Iowa and later attended Los Angeles City College; and

WHEREAS, Mike Parker served as a news director and anchor at *KFI-AM* Radio in Los Angeles before becoming an anchor and reporter at what became *KCBS-TV* in Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, In 1980 Mike Parker joined *WBBM-TV* and enjoyed a long tenure at the station; and

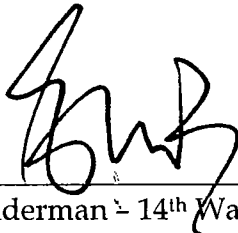
WHEREAS, Mike Parker covered the "Home Alone" story of David and Sharon Schoo who left their four-and nine-year old daughters home alone in 1992 during a nine-day Christmas vacation to Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Mike Parker also covered the shooting of Pope John Paul II and the 1981 release of Americans held hostage in Iran; and

WHEREAS, The talent, dedication and hard work of Mike Parker serve as an example to all; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this fourteenth day of November, 2018, do hereby commemorate Mike Parker for his grace-filled life and do hereby extend our condolences to his family: and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Mike Parker.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. W. B.', written over a horizontal line.

Alderman - 14th Ward