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## City Council Document Tracking Sheet

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**Title:** Tribute to late Ben W. Heineman  
**Committee(s) Assignment:**

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Ben W. Heineman, Sr. 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**, A prominent attorney and railroad executive, Ben W. Heineman, Sr. was member of the legal community and the loving and devoted husband of the late Natalie; and

**WHEREAS**, Ben W. Heineman, Sr. was the much-adored father of Martha and Ben and the grandfather of six to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities which he possessed in abundance; and

**WHEREAS**, A native of Wisconsin, Ben W. Heineman, Sr. earned his law degree from Northwestern University and for twenty years served as a corporate lawyer; and

**WHEREAS**, With professors and fellow legal practitioners, Ben W. Heineman, Sr. helped write the first version of the Uniform Commercial Code, a pillar of the American legal system; and

**WHEREAS**, From 1956 until 1972, Ben W. Heineman, Sr. headed the Chicago and Northwestern Railway, where he proved to be a dramatic innovator in a traditional industry, modernizing operating methods and reshaping labor relations, turning Chicago's commuter rail service into an example for the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Ben W. Heineman, Sr. served on numerous government commissions over the course of his career, including heading up President Lyndon Johnson's White House Conference on Civil Rights, Governor Adlai Stevenson's investigation on Illinois cigarette tax fraud, and Mayor Richard J. Daley's Chicago Civil Rights Summit Conference on Fair Housing; and

**WHEREAS**, Ben W. Heineman, Sr. was a Life Trustee of the University of Chicago, the Art Institute of Chicago, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and the Chicago Lyric Opera; and

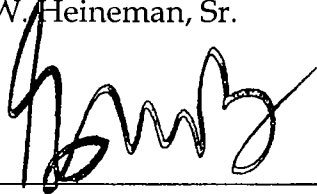
**WHEREAS**, A well-respected business leader in and beyond Chicago, the media referred to Ben W. Heineman, Sr. as a can-do man with a conscience; and

**WHEREAS**, Family, friends, and colleagues of Ben W. Heineman, Sr. will remember him as a deeply committed civic leader and a person of extraordinary character, integrity and independence; and

**WHEREAS**, To his beloved family, Ben W. Heineman, Sr. 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 Ben W. Heineman, Sr. 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 Ben W. Heineman, Sr.

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

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