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Tribute to late Ben Z. Sosewitz

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ben Z. Sosewitz has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 88; and

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

WHEREAS, A native of Chicago, Ben Z. Sosewitz was the loving husband for 49 years of the late Rochelle "Shelley;"

WHEREAS, Ben Z. Sosewitz was the much-adored father of Leah, Arna and Miriam, the grandfather of eight and the great-grandfather of one to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, Ben Z. Sosewitz was the dear brother of Ida and Sara and the companion of Phyllis Caplin; and

WHEREAS, Raised by Polish immigrant parents, Ben Z. Sosewitz earned a degree in civil engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1958; and

WHEREAS, Ben Z. Sosewitz joined the Metropolitan Sanitary District of Chicago where he rose to become its leader; and

WHEREAS, Ben Z. Sosewitz left the district in 1972 and became Chairman of Environdyne Engineers which worked on projects for the Illinois Toll Highway Authority and O'Hare International Airport; and

WHEREAS, Ben Z. Sosewitz served as International Chairman of the American Technion Society which supports the Technion-Israel Institute of technology in Haifa, Israel; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Ben Z. Sosewitz serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared Ben Z. Sosewitz to his family members, friends and all who knew him, and enabled him to enrich their lives in ways they will never forget; and

WHEREAS, Ben Z. Sosewitz was an individual of great integrity and accomplishment who will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, Ben Z. Sosewitz 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 December, 2015 do hereby commemorate Ben Z. Sosewitz 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 Z. Sosewitz.

Alderman - 14th Ward