



# City of Chicago



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**Title:** Tribute to late Robert Hoover  
**Committee(s) Assignment:**

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Robert Hoover has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 94; and

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

**WHEREAS**, A resident of California, Robert Hoover was a widely admired member of the aviation community; and

**WHEREAS**, Robert Hoover began flying in 1937 at Barry Field in Nashville, Tennessee, and flew more than 300 types of aircraft throughout his career as a pilot; and

**WHEREAS**, Robert Hoover went on to enjoy a long and successful career as a World War II fighter pilot who became an aviation legend for his flying skills in testing aircraft and demonstrating their capabilities in air shows; and

**WHEREAS**, While serving in World War II, Robert Hoover flew more than 50 missions before being shot down, and survived for months in a prisoner-of-war camp before he escaped to safety after stealing a German fighter plane and flying safely to The Netherlands; and

**WHEREAS**, In addition to his service, Robert Hoover later performed for the public in aerobatic performances across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2003 Robert Hoover was among the 100 heroes of aviation honored at the First Flight Centennial celebration; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2007 Robert Hoover was awarded the highest honor by the National Air and Space Museum; and

**WHEREAS**, The Citation Jets Pilots Association, in conjunction with the Bob Hoover Legacy Foundation, provides scholarships in Robert Hoover's name to students attending Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University; and

**WHEREAS**, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Robert Hoover serve as an example to all; and

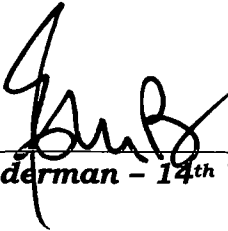
**WHEREAS**, His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared Robert Hoover to his family members, friends, and all who knew him, and enabled him to enrich their lives in ways they will never forget; and

**WHEREAS**, Robert Hoover 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, Robert Hoover 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 first day of November, 2016, do hereby commemorate Robert Hoover for his grace-filled life and do hereby express our condolences for his family; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Robert Hoover.



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