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MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that members of this Chamber learned of the death of Dr. Fern Sanner, of Chicago, on May 13, 2014 at the age of ninety-two; and

WHEREAS, The City Council has been informed of her passing by The Honorable Margaret Laurino, Alderman of the 39<sup>th</sup> Ward; and

WHEREAS, Born on September 8, 1921, the beloved wife of the late Louis; loving mother of Lou, John and Joe Sanner, Lorraine Bush and Mary Murray; cherished grandmother of eighteen and great-grandmother of fourteen and treasured friend to all who had the pleasure of knowing her, Fern leaves a legacy of faith, dignity and love; and

WHEREAS, Fern began medical training as one of a very few females at the University of Illinois, Chicago when Penicillin had been released for civilian use during World War II. After training at Cook County Hospital, she went to work at various community hospitals, teaching anesthesiology to medical, dental and podiatry students. She was local champion in the development of anesthesia beyond ether, early CPR training and one of the first community hospital Intensive Care Units in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, She provided free medical advice as well as an empathetic ear, feeling it was her duty and joy in life to help others where and when she could – from polio immunization gatherings in her kitchen, during the 1950's, to a post-Anesthesiology career as a community clinic physician in the 1990's; and

WHEREAS, An active and vital member of her community who never stopped exploring, learning, teaching and serving, she also enjoyed playing bridge, traveling the world with her husband Lou, prior to his passing in 1999, then taking her children on cruises around the Mediterranean, through the Panama Canal and Antarctica. She touched the lives of all who knew her through her kindness, generosity and spirit and will be deeply missed, but the memory of her character, intelligence and compassion will live on in those who knew and loved her, now, therefore,

*Be It Resolved*, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago gathered here this twenty-eighth day of May 2014, do hereby express our sorrow on the death of Dr. Fern Sanner and express to her family and friends our deepest sympathy; and

*Be It Further Resolved*, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Dr. Fern Sanner as a token of our honor, gratitude, and respect.

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