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Title:	Gratitude extended to Dr. George Brent for military service
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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Dr. George Brent was a Holocaust survivor and a veteran of the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, The son of a pharmacist, Dr. George Brent was born in 1929 in Těšcö, an area of Czechoslovakia that was later turned over to Hungary; and

WHEREAS, In May of 1944, Dr. George Brent's family was forced into the ghetto and sent to the Auschwitz concentration camp; and

WHEREAS, As the Russian army advanced, Dr. George Brent and his fellow prisoners were sent on a death march from Auschwitz and then on a coal train to Mauthausen - Ebensee concentration camp in Austria; and

WHEREAS, One of General George Patton's tank commanders described what he encountered at Ebensee as "thousands of skeleton-like figures who were skin and bones, the living laying side by side, often times indistinguishable, from the dead"; and

WHEREAS, The United States Army set up a field hospital and called for additional medical assistance to care for the liberated prisoners, one of whom was Dr. George Brent; and

WHEREAS, Following the war, Dr. George Brent headed to the United States and ultimately settled in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, In 1950 Dr. George Brent joined the United States Air Force and went on to graduate from dental school at the University of Illinois at Chicago; and

WHEREAS, After graduation, Dr. George Brent taught prosthodontics and was eventually named an associate professor while in private practice for 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. George Brent resides in Wilmette with his wife, Nancy; and

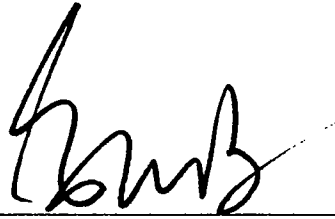
WHEREAS, Dr. George Brent is truly an example of what journalist Tom Brokaw called "Our Greatest Generation;" and

WHEREAS, Dr. George Brent was honored at a special celebration held on the eve of Veteran's Day at Wintrust's Grand Banking Hall, 231 South La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Dr. George Brent is exceedingly worthy of our highest admiration and esteem; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this eighteenth day of November, 2015 do hereby express our sincere appreciation to Dr. George Brent for his military service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. George Brent.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'BWB', is written over a horizontal line.

Alderman - 14th Ward