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## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Oscar D'Angelo has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 84; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Oscar D'Angelo was a widely admired Chicago civic figure and the loving husband of Paula, nee Grespan; and

**WHEREAS**, A lifelong resident of Little Italy, Oscar D'Angelo was born to the late Luigi and Linda; and

**WHEREAS**, As a boy, Oscar D'Angelo worked in his parents' grocery store near Laflin and Flournoy Streets; and

**WHEREAS**, Oscar D'Angelo went on to become a prominent lawyer, real estate developer and advisor to major institutions; and

**WHEREAS**, A confidante of both Chicago mayors and political powerbrokers, Oscar D'Angelo never left the community that he loved; and

**WHEREAS**, Oscar D'Angelo often patrolled the neighborhood in his Cadillac to ensure it remained clean, safe and vibrant; and

**WHEREAS**, Many in Little Italy knew Oscar D'Angelo as a mustached dynamo who led a crew of kids every weekend as they hauled trash out of vacant lots, parks and riverbanks; and

**WHEREAS**, Oscar D'Angelo worked diligently to protect the architecture, cultural integrity and fabric of the Italian neighborhood that he treasured so much; and

**WHEREAS**, The embodiment of the spirit of Taylor Street, Oscar D'Angelo earned the title "The Mayor of Little Italy" and was intimately involved in every aspect of its civic life; and

**WHEREAS**, Oscar D'Angelo was a co-founder and board member of the Chicago Architecture Foundation and of the Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois which is now called Preservation Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, Oscar D'Angelo was a member of the board of directors of Friends of the Parks; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1989 Mayor Richard M. Daley and the Chicago City Council named a large landscaped traffic island near the foot of the Eisenhower Expressway as Oscar D'Angelo Park in his honor; and

**WHEREAS,** The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Oscar D'Angelo serve as an example to all; and

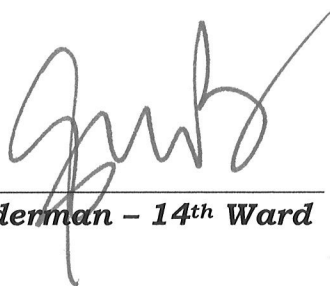
**WHEREAS,** His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared Oscar D'Angelo to his family members, friends and all who knew him, and enabled him to enrich their lives in ways they will never forget; and

**WHEREAS,** A big-hearted man of abundant generosity and vision, Oscar D'Angelo will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

**WHEREAS,** To his beloved family, Oscar D'Angelo 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 fourteenth day of September, 2016, do hereby commemorate Oscar D'Angelo 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 Oscar D'Angelo.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Alderman", written over a horizontal line.

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