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Tribute to Late William J. McCarter

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, William J. McCarter has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of eighty-one; and

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

WHEREAS, William J. McCarter was a prominent broadcasting executive and the loving and devoted husband of the late Linda; and

WHEREAS, William J. McCarter was the much-adored father of Amy, Juli, and Max, to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities which he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, William J. McCarter was the beloved grandfather of three grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, William J. McCarter served as President and CEO of Window to the World Communications, Inc., which included Chicago's WTTW and WFMT-FM stations; and

WHEREAS, Under the direction of William J. McCarter, WTTW became the most watched public television station in the country, and together with WFMT earned twelve Peabody awards, five DuPont Columbia Journalism Awards, and one hundred-fifty regional Emmy Awards; and

WHEREAS, William J. McCarter believed in thoughtful and meaningful programming which promoted enlightened conversation and spirited debate; and

WHEREAS, A proponent of the arts, William J. McCarter created such musical experiences as "Soundstage" and introduced Americans to renowned film critics Roger Ebert and Gene Siskel; and

WHEREAS, William J. McCarter created a television legacy which continues to impact public television audiences in and beyond Chicago; and

WHEREAS, William J. McCarter will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, William J. McCarter 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 fourth day of May, 2011, do hereby commemorate William J. McCarter 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 William J. McCarter.

Alderman - 14th Ward