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**Committee(s) Assignment:**

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, John P. Sweeney has gone to his eternal reward at the age of 71; and

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

**WHEREAS**, John P. Sweeney was a prominent Chicago real estate developer and the loving husband for 43 years of Barbara; and

**WHEREAS**, John P. Sweeney was the much-adored father of Margaret, James, Rose, Robert, Anne, Eleanor and Grace and the grandfather of eight to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

**WHEREAS**, John P. Sweeney was the dear brother of James and Michael; and

**WHEREAS**, A native of Oak Lawn, John P. Sweeney graduated from Brother Rice High School and Northwestern University; and

**WHEREAS**, John P. Sweeney headed JPS Interests and helped to develop more than five million square feet of office, commercial and industrial space; and

**WHEREAS**, In addition to a number of prominent major downtown renovation projects, John P. Sweeney was responsible for new construction, including the Northern Trust Company Canal Center operations center at 801 South Canal Street and the Southgate Market retail development at Canal and Roosevelt Road; and

**WHEREAS**, John P. Sweeney specialized in complex projects and partnered with a subsidiary of Exelon to construct the first environmentally friendly chilled water plant in downtown Chicago which cools millions of square feet of office space; and

**WHEREAS**, John P. Sweeney's compassion for the poor prompted him to found the Mayan Health Initiative which addresses nutritional and long-term needs for Guatemalan children suffering from malnutrition and physical disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of John P. Sweeney serve as an example to all; and

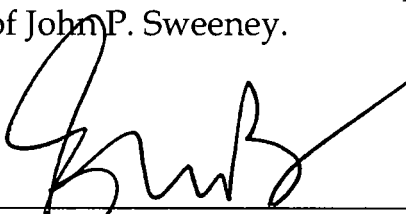
**WHEREAS**, His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared John P. Sweeney to his family members, friends and all who knew him, and enabled him to enrich their lives in ways they will never forget; and

**WHEREAS**, John P. Sweeney will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

**WHEREAS**, To his beloved family, John P. Sweeney 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 twenty-first day of January, 2015, do hereby commemorate John P. Sweeney 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 John P. Sweeney.

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