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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Leon Kent has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 99; and

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

WHEREAS, A recipient of the Silver Star, Leon Kent was a World War II military hero and the loving husband of Simone; and

WHEREAS, Leon Kent was the much-adored father of Paul and Lynette, the grandfather of four and the great-grandfather of two to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, As a United States Army Lieutenant, Leon Kent demonstrated extraordinary leadership in December of 1944 when he helped to stop advancing German tanks in the Battle of Bulge in Belgium; and

WHEREAS, Along with three other soldiers under his command, Leon Kent destroyed five tanks in two hours using an anti-aircraft gun; and

WHEREAS, The heroic actions of Leon Kent thwarted a German breakthrough and provided Allied troops an opportunity to regroup; and

WHEREAS, Leon Kent was meritoriously promoted to Captain and following the war he returned to Los Angeles, California where he practiced law and specialized in tax cases and entertainment and copyright law; and

WHEREAS, Leon Kent also opened a bowling alley as an investment with his brother, Jack; and

WHEREAS, The bravery, sacrifice and dedication of Leon Kent serve as an example to all; and

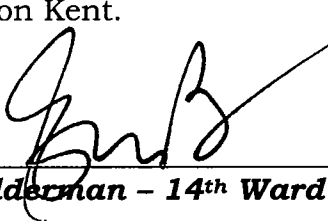
WHEREAS, His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared Leon Kent to his family members, friends and all who knew him, and enabled him to enrich their lives in ways they will never forget; and

WHEREAS, A member of our nation's "Greatest Generation," Leon Kent will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, Leon Kent 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 eighteenth day of March, 2015, do hereby commemorate Leon Kent 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 Leon Kent.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. B.', is written over a horizontal line. Below the line, the text 'Alderman - 14th Ward' is printed in a bold, sans-serif font.

Alderman - 14th Ward