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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Dr. Joseph Lee Parker, Jr. has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of ninety-five; and

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

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Georgia, Dr. Joseph Lee Parker, Jr. was a widely admired member of the medical community and the loving husband of Carolyn; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joseph Lee Parker, Jr. was the much-adored father of Jane and Joseph, III, the grandfather of eight and the great-grandfather of six to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities which he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, A decorated veteran of World War II, Dr. Joseph Lee Parker, Jr. was a member of the 6th Naval Beach Battalion and the last surviving physician to land on Omaha Beach during the Allied invasion of Normandy; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joseph Lee Parker, Jr. was among the first wave of soldiers to invade on D-Day, treating both Allied and German forces for twenty-one days on Omaha Beach; and

WHEREAS, After his military service, Dr. Joseph Lee Parker, Jr. settled in Greensboro, Georgia, where he established a rural medical practice that involved much travel and many house calls, and made him a hero in his community; and

WHEREAS, In 1949 Dr. Joseph Lee Parker, Jr. was among the doctors who founded the Minnie G. Boswell Hospital, where he served as Chief of Staff for twenty-five years; and

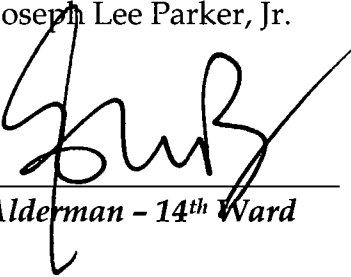
WHEREAS, Dr. Joseph Lee Parker, Jr. received numerous commendations from both the United States and France, including the French Legion of Honor medal; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joseph Lee Parker, Jr. enjoyed sailing and international travel, and will be remembered as an esteemed and beloved healer in his native Georgia; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, Dr. Joseph Lee Parker, Jr. 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 thirty-first day of October, 2012, do hereby commemorate Dr. Joseph Lee Parker, Jr. 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 Dr. Joseph Lee Parker, Jr.



Alderman - 14th Ward