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**Committee(s) Assignment:**

## *RESOLUTION*

*WHEREAS*, Thomas Bridgman has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of seventy-seven; and

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

*WHEREAS*, A native of Chicago's Beverly neighborhood, Thomas Bridgman was a widely admired member of the legal community and devoted husband of Patricia; and

*WHEREAS*, Thomas Bridgman was the much-adored father of Kitty, Ann, Jane, Molly, and Thomas and the grandfather of twelve to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities which he possessed in abundance; and

*WHEREAS*, The former Chairman of the law firm Baker & McKenzie, Thomas Bridgman will be best remembered for the respect and dignity with which he treated others; and

*WHEREAS*, Thomas Bridgman graduated from St. Ignatius College Prep and attended John Carroll University on a football scholarship; and

*WHEREAS*, Thomas Bridgman earned his law degree from Loyola University School of Law in 1958 and was a lifelong supporter of the institution; and

*WHEREAS*, In 1978 Thomas Bridgman received Loyola's Medal of Excellence from his alma mater for years of loyalty and service; and

*WHEREAS*, One of four original litigators at Baker & McKenzie, Thomas Bridgman defended one of the first cases brought against DPT, vaccines meant to fight infectious diseases like tetanus and whooping cough; and

*WHEREAS*, In his retirement, Thomas Bridgman served as Chairman of the Little Company of Mary Hospital Foundation and as President of Beverly Country Club; and

**WHEREAS**, Thomas Bridgman inspired the lives of countless people through his great personal goodness, charity and concern; and

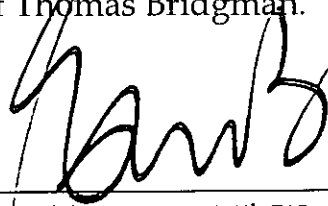
**WHEREAS**, The hard work, dedication and sacrifice of Thomas Bridgman serve as an example to all; and

**WHEREAS**, Thomas Bridgman will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends, and colleagues; and

**WHEREAS**, To his beloved family, Thomas Bridgman 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 January, 2012, do hereby commemorate Thomas Bridgman 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 Thomas Bridgman.



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