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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Adolph Kiefer has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 98; and

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

WHEREAS, Adolph Kiefer was an Olympic gold medalist and the loving husband for 73 years of Joyce; and

WHEREAS, Adolph Kiefer was the much-adored father of Dale, Jack, Kathy and Gail, the grandfather of 14 and the great-grandfather of 16 to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, While still in high school, Adolph Kiefer became the first man to break one-minute in the 100-yard backstroke; and

WHEREAS, Adolph Kiefer won the gold medal in the men's 100-meter backstroke in the 1936 Summer Olympics held in Berlin; and

WHEREAS, During World War II, Adolph Kiefer was put in charge of swimming instruction for the United States Navy and established safety curriculum that saved lives; and

WHEREAS, After the war, Adolph Kiefer founded a swimming equipment company and invented the first nylon swimsuit which was used by the U.S. Olympic team; and

WHEREAS, Adolph Kiefer served on the President's Council on Fitness, Sports and Nutrition under three presidents; and

WHEREAS, Adolph Kiefer was inducted into the inaugural class of the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1965; and

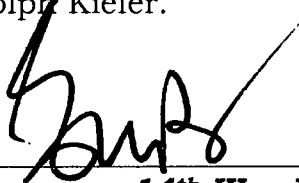
WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Adolph Kiefer serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared Adolph Kiefer 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, To his beloved family, Adolph Kiefer 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-fourth day of May, 2017, do hereby commemorate Adolph Kiefer 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 Adolph Kiefer.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. M. P.', is written over a horizontal line.

Alderman - 14th Ward