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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Donald Agrella has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of ninety-two; and

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

WHEREAS, Donald Agrella was a widely admired member of the journalism community and the loving husband of the late Eleanor; and

WHEREAS, Donald Agrella served as the *Chicago Tribune's* day City Editor during the 1960s and 1970s, when newspapers were the dominant source of news in America and the *Chicago Tribune* printed seven daily editions; and

WHEREAS, Donald Agrella's role was to manage the *Chicago Tribune's* newsroom, which was one of the largest in the nation, mobilizing reporters and photographers into action during breaking news stories; and

WHEREAS, Donald Agrella served in the military during World War II, then worked for the *Chicago Sun-Times* before joining the *Chicago Tribune* in 1950; and

WHEREAS, Though a commanding presence in the newsroom, Donald Agrella was also a kind, compassionate man who was eager to help and mentor young staffers; and

WHEREAS, Following his retirement from the *Chicago Tribune* in 1979, Donald Agrella and his wife travelled extensively , sometimes for months at a time on oceangoing freighters; and

WHEREAS, In 1991 Donald Agrella and two of his brothers were honored by the Chicago Press Veterans Association for their combined one hundred twenty-five years of service to Chicago newspapers; and

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

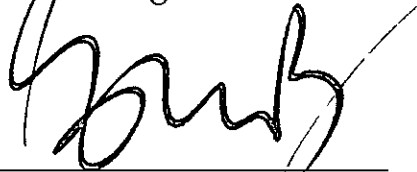
WHEREAS, His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared Donald Agrella to his family members, friends and all who knew him, and enabled him to enrich their lives in ways they will never forget; and

WHEREAS, Donald Agrella will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends, and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, Donald Agrella 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 second day of November, 2011, do hereby commemorate Donald Agrella 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 Donald Agrella.

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

Alderman - 14th Ward