



# City of Chicago



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## Document Tracking Sheet

**Meeting Date:** 6/22/2016  
**Sponsor(s):** Burke (14)  
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**Title:** Tribute to late Wheelock Whitney, Jr.  
**Committee(s) Assignment:**

## **Resolution**

**WHEREAS**, Wheelock Whitney Jr. has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 89; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Wheelock Whitney Jr. was a widely admired Minnesota business leader and the loving husband of the Honorable Kathleen Blatz and the late Irene; and

**WHEREAS**, Wheelock Whitney Jr. was the much-adored father of Wheelock III, Pennell, Joseph and Ben; and

**WHEREAS**, Born in St. Cloud, Wheelock Whitney Jr. attended Yale University where he was a fellow member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity with the future President George H. W. Bush; and

**WHEREAS**, Wheelock Whitney Jr. went to enjoy a long and highly successful career in investment banking with the firm Dain and Co., which he helped turn into a regional financial powerhouse that eventually became RBC Wealth Management; and

**WHEREAS**, In addition to his many professional achievements, Wheelock Whitney Jr. was a civic leader, actively involved in local politics and ran unsuccessfully for Minnesota governor and United States senator; and

**WHEREAS**, Wheelock Whitney Jr. was instrumental in bringing major league baseball and hockey to the Twin Cities, served on the Twins board for 24 years and was a former co-owner of the Minnesota Vikings; and

**WHEREAS**, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Wheelock Whitney Jr. serve as an example to all; and

**WHEREAS**, His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared Wheelock Whitney Jr. 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**, Wheelock Whitney Jr. was an individual of great integrity and accomplishment who will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

**WHEREAS**, To his beloved family, Wheelock Whitney 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 twenty-second day of June, 2016, do hereby commemorate Wheelock Whitney 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 Wheelock Whitney Jr.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'ZUB', is written above a horizontal line.

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