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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Dennis Fitch has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of sixty-nine; and

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

WHEREAS, A heroic airline pilot, Dennis Fitch was the loving and devoted husband of Rosa; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Fitch was the much-adored father of Amy, Dennis, Brian, Angelique, and Bre, to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities which he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Fitch was the beloved grandfather of ten grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Dennis Fitch was a United Airlines pilot for thirty-four years; and

WHEREAS, On July 19, 1989, Dennis Fitch was a passenger aboard United Flight 232, which was scheduled to fly from Denver to Chicago; and

WHEREAS, When the aircraft experienced a complete hydraulic failure - an emergency of catastrophic proportions - Dennis Fitch offered his assistance to the flight crew; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Fitch and the flight crew orchestrated a semi-controlled crash landing in Sioux City, Iowa, saving the lives of one-hundred eighty-five people - more than half the passengers aboard United Flight 232; and

WHEREAS, The success of Dennis Fitch and the entire flight team remains a model for the entire aviation industry; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, Dennis Fitch 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 sixth day of June, 2012, do hereby commemorate Dennis Fitch 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 Dennis Fitch.

Alderman - 14th Ward