



# City of Chicago



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**Meeting Date:** 3/16/2016  
**Sponsor(s):** Burke (14)  
**Type:** Resolution  
**Title:** Tribute to late John L. Tishman  
**Committee(s) Assignment:**

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, John L. Tishman has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 90; and

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

**WHEREAS**, John L. Tishman was one of the great master builders of the 20<sup>th</sup> century who headed Tishman Realty and Construction Company founded by his grandfather, Julius, in 1898; and

**WHEREAS**, Tishman Realty and Construction Company played a major role in shaping the skylines of Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles and New York; and

**WHEREAS**, John L. Tishman oversaw the construction of three 100-story buildings, including the John Hancock Center in Chicago in 1970 and the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York in 1973; and

**WHEREAS**, Other major projects completed by John L. Tishman include Walt Disney's EPCOT Center Theme Park in Florida, the Renaissance Center in Detroit and Madison Square Garden in New York; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2011 as Chairman Emeritus of the company, John L. Tishman authored the book *Building Tall: My Life and the Invention of Construction Management*; and

**WHEREAS**, Born in 1926, John L. Tishman attended the University of Michigan where he studied electrical engineering; and

**WHEREAS**, Prior to joining the family business, John L. Tishman served his country in the United States Navy during World War II and worked as a physics and mathematics teacher; and

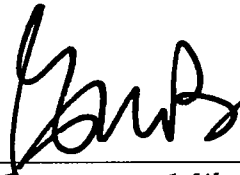
**WHEREAS**, The hard work, vision and dedication of John L. Tishman serve as an example to all; and

**WHEREAS**, John L. Tishman 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, John L. Tishman 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 sixteenth day of March, 2016, do hereby commemorate John L. Tishman 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 John L. Tishman.

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

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