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Committee(s) Assignment:

TRIBUTE TO JOHN E. ROONEY

WHEREAS, In His Infinite Wisdom, Almighty God granted John (Jack) E. Rooney eternal rest and peace on July 22, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Jack Rooney was born and raised on Chicago's South side. He was the beloved husband of Germaine Rooney, the loving father of three children and the proud grandfather of nine grandchildren. He was also an outstanding business leader and esteemed member of his community; and

WHEREAS, Jack Rooney served as the President and CEO of U.S. Cellular from April 2000 to May 2010. Under his leadership, U.S. Cellular grew to be the sixth largest cellular provider in the United States, employed 9,000 people and received nine consecutive awards from J.D. Power and Associates for call quality in the North Central Region from 2002-2010. U.S. Cellular's success under his leadership was chronicled in the book *The Pursuit of Something Better: How an Underdog Company Defined the Odds, Won Customers' Hearts, and Grew its Employees Into Better People*. Under Jack's leadership, U.S. Cellular donated more than \$4.5 million to schools through its Calling All Communities and Calling All Teachers campaigns; and

WHEREAS, Jack Rooney also held executive positions at Ameritech Corporation, Firestone Tire and Rubber Corporation, Pullman Incorporated, and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago; and

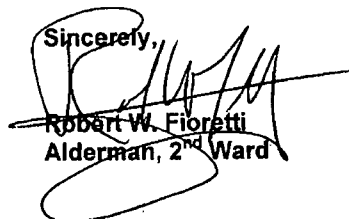
WHEREAS, Jack Rooney earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from John Carroll University in Ohio and an MBA in finance from Loyola University. He served as a member of the board of trustees of Loyola University as well as a member of the board of advisors of the university's School of Business Administration.; and

WHEREAS, Jack Rooney was an avid fan of the Chicago White Sox and, as President and CEO of U.S. Cellular, brokered a 23-year deal to name the team's ballpark U.S. Cellular Field; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert W. Fioretti, Alderman of the 2nd Ward, has informed this august body of the passing of this exceptionally successful and respected businessman; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, assembled this 8th Day of September, 2011 AD, do hereby express our sincere sorrow at the passing of John E. Rooney and extend our deepest condolences to his family and all those whose lives he touched.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of John E. Rooney.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Fioretti
Alderman, 2nd Ward

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