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Committee(s) Assignment:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, General John W. Vessey has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 94; and

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

WHEREAS, A resident of North Oaks, Minnesota, John W. Vessey was a widely admired member of the military community and the loving husband for 71 years of Avis; and

WHEREAS, John W. Vessey was the much-adored father of John III, David and Sarah to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, Born in Minneapolis, John W. Vessey enlisted in the Minnesota National Guard at age 17, and fought in World War II and Vietnam, and was the nation's top military officer after 46 years of service; and

WHEREAS, John W. Vessey was named Chairman of the Joint Chiefs in 1982 where he oversaw the military expansion led by Ronald Reagan; and

WHEREAS, In retirement John W. Vessey was asked by President Reagan to return to Vietnam and account for Americans missing in action in order to bring back any still alive and reunite families that had been separated during the war; and

WHEREAS, John W. Vessey received numerous awards and decorations, including the Distinguished Service Cross, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, and the Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of John W. Vessey serve as an example to all; and

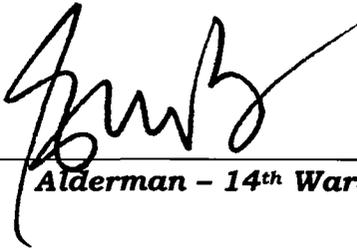
WHEREAS, His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared John W. Vessey to his family members, friends and all who knew him, and enabled him to enrich their lives in ways they will never forget; and

WHEREAS, John W. Vessey 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 W. Vessey 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 fourteenth day of September, 2016, do hereby commemorate John W. Vessey 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 W. Vessey.



Alderman - 14th Ward