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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, John H. Bryan Jr. has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 81; and

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

WHEREAS, A widely admired business leader and philanthropist, John H. Bryan Jr. was the loving husband of Neville; and

WHEREAS, John H. Bryan Jr. was the much-adored father of John H. III, Margaret, Elizabeth and Charles, the grandfather of thirteen and the great-grandfather of one to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, A native of West Point, Mississippi, John H. Bryan Jr. led the meatpacking company, Bryan Foods, started by his father; and

WHEREAS, John H. Bryan Jr. arranged for the sale of Bryan Foods to Consolidated Foods which eventually became Sara Lee; and

WHEREAS, John H. Bryan Jr. served as the Chief Executive Officer of Sara Lee Corporation from 1976 to 2000 and was one of Chicago's leading patron of the arts; and

WHEREAS, John H. Bryan Jr played an influential role in raising hundreds of millions of dollars to support projects that included Millennium Park, the Modern Wing of the Art Institute, renovations to the Lyric Opera House and Orchestra Hall, and the protection of the Ludwig Mies van der Rohe's Farnsworth House in Plano; and

WHEREAS, In 2012 John H. Bryan Jr. was named one of Chicago's 100 most powerful people by *Chicago* magazine; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of John H. Bryan Jr. serve as an example to all; and

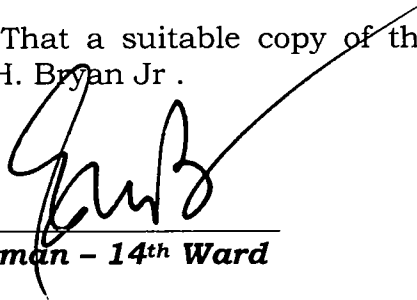
WHEREAS, His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared John H. Bryan Jr. to his family members, friends and all who knew him, and enabled him to enrich their lives in ways they will never forget; and

WHEREAS, John H. Bryan 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, John H. Bryan 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 thirty-first day of October, 2018, do hereby commemorate John H. Bryan 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 John H. Bryan Jr .

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. B.', is written over a horizontal line. A long, sweeping checkmark-like stroke extends from the top right of the signature across the page.

Alderman - 14th Ward