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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Charles "Henry" Widegren, has been called to his eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 104; and,

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

WHEREAS, Charles "Henry" was born in 1907 to his Swedish immigrant parents, Charles and Marie, older brother to Lennard and Hildur, and;

WHEREAS, Henry began his education at Blaine and Le Moyne Elementary Schools, before moving onto Lane Tech and Lake View High Schools, and finished his education at Northwestern University Business School and the Illinois University Chicago Navy Pier Campus; and,

WHEREAS, starting in the 1940's, Henry worked for Michael J. McDermott & Company, and bridge and road building company, moving up to become part owner in the 1960's; and,

WHEREAS, in 1942, Henry enlisted in the Army, serving with the 81st Infantry Division in the South Pacific; and,

WHEREAS, after the War, Henry married the love of his life, Violette Thompson, and soon welcomed their four children, Jana, Susan, Christine and Charles "Bud", deciding to raise them, where he was raised in the Lake View Community; and,

WHEREAS, dubbed "Mr. Lake View", for his active involvement in dozens of neighborhood organizations, including the President of the Kiwanis, Lake View Lions, Boy Scouts of America, Ravenswood Historical Society, as an 80 year member of the Independent Order of Vikings and former chief of his lodge, as well as Senior Commander for American Legion posts on the North Side and as Deacon at the Addison Street Community Church, Henry would spend many hours, helping the community and making it better; and,

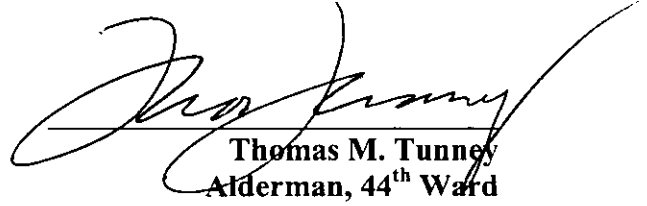
WHEREAS, having lived within walking distance of Wrigley field his whole life, Henry was a true Cubs fan, proudly stating that he was around the last time the Cubs won a World Series, was looking forward to their next World Series and worked as a usher for fifteen years within the Friendly Confines, until he retired at 94; and,

WHEREAS, in 1987, when Henry was inducted into the Chicago Senior Citizen Hall of Fame, the greatest part of this honor was to throw out the first pitch at a Cubs game; and,

WHEREAS, Henry's love of life and his ability to live it to the fullest endeared Henry to his family, friends and all who knew him, and enabled him to enrich their lives in ways they will never forget; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this 15th day of February, 2012, do hereby honor the life and memory of Charles "Henry" Widegren and extend our heartfelt condolences to his family; and,

Be It Further Resolved, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Charles Henry Widegren.



Thomas M. Tunney
Alderman, 44th Ward