



# City of Chicago



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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	10/11/2017
<b>Sponsor(s):</b>	Burke (14)
<b>Type:</b>	Resolution
<b>Title:</b>	Tribute to late Hugh Hefner
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** Hugh Hefner has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 91; and

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

**WHEREAS,** A native of Chicago, Hugh Hefner was the founder of *Playboy* magazine and the father of David, Christie, Cooper and Marston; and

**WHEREAS,** Hugh Hefner was born to Glenn, an accountant, and Grace Hefner, a teacher, and raised at 1922 North New England Avenue near Sayre Park; and

**WHEREAS,** Hugh Hefner graduated from Steinmetz High School and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; and

**WHEREAS,** Hugh Hefner served from 1944 to 1946 in the United States Army as a writer for a military newspaper; and

**WHEREAS,** During the early 1950s, Hugh Hefner worked as a copywriter in the Chicago office of *Esquire* magazine but quit the publication after he was denied a \$5 raise and the publication moved to New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Hugh Hefner raised \$8,000 from 45 investors to found *Playboy* magazine in 1953 and produced its first edition, which sold 50,000 copies, out of his South Side home; and


**WHEREAS,** Hugh Hefner served as Editor-in-Chief of the magazine which went on to surpass *Esquire* magazine in circulation; and

**WHEREAS,** Hugh Hefner expanded his growing empire to include Playboy clubs and resort hotels; and

**WHEREAS,** To his beloved family, Hugh Hefner 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 eleventh day of October, 2017, do hereby express our condolences to the family of Hugh Hefner; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Hugh Hefner.

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

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