



# City of Chicago



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<b>Title:</b>	Tribute to late Dr. Melvin G. Holli
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

## ***RESOLUTION***

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Melvin G. Holli has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 82; and

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

**WHEREAS**, A resident of Wheaton, Dr. Melvin G. Holli was a prominent educator, author and historian; and

**WHEREAS**, Raised in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, Dr. Melvin G. Holli enjoyed skiing, fishing and a host of outdoor activities as well as a lifelong appreciation of his Finnish roots; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Melvin G. Holli earned his master's and doctorate degrees in American History from the University of Michigan; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Melvin G. Holli began teaching history at the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1965 where he established and directed an urban historical collection; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Melvin G. Holli was a popular member of the faculty and served as Chairman of the Department of History from 1991 to 1995; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Melvin G. Holli wrote or co-edited 18 books, including a biographical dictionary of American mayors and four books on Chicago mayors; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Melvin G. Holli won the History Award from the Society of Midland Authors and the Best Book Award from the Illinois Political Science Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, Following a long and illustrious career, Dr. Melvin G. Holli retired in 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Dr. Melvin G. Holli serve as an example to all; and

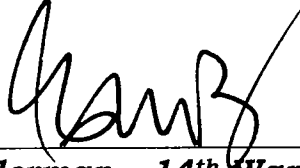
**WHEREAS**, His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared Dr. Melvin G. Holli to his family members, friends and all who knew him, and enabled him to enrich their lives in ways they will never forget; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Melvin G. Holli 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 loving wife, Betsy, his son, Steven, his daughter, Susan, his brother, David, his sister, Marilyn, and his two grandchildren, Dr. Melvin G. Holli 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 tenth day of February, 2016, do hereby commemorate Dr. Melvin G. Holli 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 Dr. Melvin G. Holli.

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

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