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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Gordon Prussian has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 92; and

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

WHEREAS, A longtime resident of the Streeterville neighborhood, Gordon Prussian was the loving husband of Claire, nee Feuchtwanger and the late Ruth, nee Ribback; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Prussian was the much-adored father of Michael and Nancy, the step-father of Mary and John and the step-grandfather of five to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, A native of Detroit, Michigan, Gordon Prussian served stateside as a member of the United States Army during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Following the war, Gordon Prussian moved to Chicago where he founded General Parking Corporation which grew from three sites to one-hundred parking facilities; and

WHEREAS, The green "P" logo which represents Gordon Prussian's company became an iconic symbol known to many Chicagoans; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Prussian was the first local operator to promote self-parking in the city and incorporated automated equipment and high speed elevators; and

WHEREAS, A wise business strategist, Gordon Prussian often purchased land that was prime for development and used it for parking prior to selling it; and

WHEREAS, In 1997 Gordon Prussian sold General Parking Corporation's operating company to InterPark while retaining ownership of the real estate; and

WHEREAS, A recognized civic leader, Gordon Prussian Chaired the Board of Michael Reese Hospital and served on the boards of the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago and the Polk Brothers Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Prussian was President of the Jewish Community Centers of Chicago and the Standard Club of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Gordon Prussian serve as an example to all; and

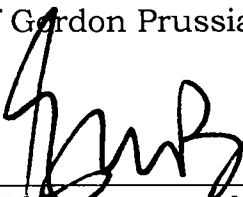
WHEREAS, His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared Gordon Prussian to his family members, friends and all who knew him, and enabled him to enrich their lives in ways they will never forget; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Prussian 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, Gordon Prussian 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 eighteenth day of May, 2016, do hereby commemorate Gordon Prussian 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 Gordon Prussian.



Alderman - 14th Ward