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<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

## *MEMORIAL RESOLUTION*

WHEREAS, Charles Turner, born on July 15, 1920, was called by God to his eternal reward on July 3, 2011; and

WHEREAS, The City Council has been informed of his passing by The Honorable Margaret Laurino, Alderman of the 39<sup>th</sup> Ward; and

WHEREAS, Charles Turner was an active and vital member of his community. The beloved husband of Estelle, for fifty-two years, whom he met while attending a USO dance; the loving father of Walter, Valerie and Virginia; dear friend and relative of many; a resident of the Mayfair community since 1946, Charles Turner leaves a legacy of faith, compassion, dignity and love; and

WHEREAS, Charles Turner was a member of "The Buzzard Brigade" during World War II. The Torpedo Squadron Ten (VT-10) was commissioned in April 1942 and flew the Grumman TBF and TBM avenger torpedo bombers. "The Buzzard Brigade" served two combat cruises on the Enterprise as well as one on USS Intrepid CV\_11, seeing action at Santa Cruz, Guadalcanal, Truk, and the sinking of the super-battleship Yamato. For its contribution in the decisive Naval Battle of Guadalcanal - 12-15 November 1941 - Air Group 10 was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation, also awarded to the First Marine Division (Reinforced) on Guadalcanal; and

WHEREAS, Charles Turner, together with his unit, was captured by Chinese communist soldiers when their plane had to make a forced landing due to engine trouble while flying over the northern part of China. As "guests of the Chinese communists" they were treated as well as possible and many of the people shared all they had with them during their trek to freedom approximately thirty days later; and

WHEREAS, Charles Turner was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star and numerous other commendations; and

WHEREAS, Charles Turner was the President of the Torpedo Squadron's Ten's reunion group, who he met with on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, Charles Turner did volunteer work with Blind Service, Incorporated. He went there twice a week, via public transportation, to meet with clients who are visually impaired and listened to their concerns, maintained the inventory of equipment and participated in support groups and other meetings, in spite of his visual impairment; and

WHEREAS, Charles Turner was employed in the accounting department of Libby, McNeil & Libby until his retirement in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Charles Turner was an honoree named by the Mayfair Veterans Committee and the Mayfair Lions Club in 2003 during their Salute to American Heroes Celebration; and

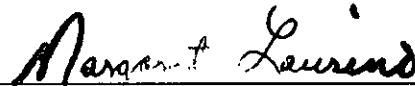
WHEREAS, Charles Turner was a long time resident of the Mayfair Community, living in the house that had belonged to his wife's grandparents. His phone number was the original phone number dating back to when the house was built in 1920; and

WHEREAS, Charles Turner was a lifelong active member of the Mayfair Lutheran Church and an honorary member of the Mayfair Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, Charles Turner will be deeply missed, but the memory of his character, intelligence and compassion will live on in those who knew and loved him; now, therefore,

*Be It Resolved*, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this second day of November 2011, do hereby express our sorrow on the death of Charles Turner and extend to his family and friends our deepest sympathy; and

*Be It Further Resolved*, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Charles Turner.



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MARGARET LAURINO  
Alderman, 39<sup>th</sup> Ward

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