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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ernest Cary Brace has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 83; and

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

WHEREAS, A man of great bravery, courage and endurance, Ernest Cary Brace was the longest-held civilian POW in the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, Born in Detroit, Michigan, Ernest Cary Brace joined the Marine Corps at the age of 16 and trained to become a flyer; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Cary Brace rose to the rank of 2nd Lieutenant and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross after his plane was shot down during a bombing mission in the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, As a civilian helicopter pilot delivering supplies for the Central Intelligence Agency during the Vietnam War, Ernest Cary Brace was captured in Laos; and

WHEREAS, A victim of cruelty and torture at the hands of the North Vietnamese, Ernest Cary Brace endured three-and-half years confined to a bamboo cage; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Cary Brace was incarcerated for the rest of the war in a prison outside of Hanoi and was released in 1973 after nearly eight years in captivity; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Cary Brace later met fellow POW and future U.S. Senator John McCain with whom he had communicated for years using tapping signals from an adjacent cell; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Cary Brace was a recipient of numerous medals and honors, including the Purple Heart, Air Medal with three stars, Distinguished Public Service Medal and the Prisoner of War Medal; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Cary Brace worked for Evergreen International Aviation and Sikorsky Aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Cary Brace will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

WHEREAS, To his loving wife, Nancy, his three sons, Ernest, Patrick and Michael, and his eight grandchildren, Ernest Cary Brace 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 twenty-first day of January, 2015, do hereby commemorate Ernest Cary Brace 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 Ernest Cary Brace.



Alderman - 14th Ward