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Tribute to late Larry J. Schreiner

Committee(s) Assignment:

RESOLUTION

- **WHEREAS**, Larry J. Schreiner has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of seventy-two; and
- **WHEREAS,** The Chicago City Council has been informed of his passing by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and
- **WHEREAS,** A retired member of the Chicago Police Department and a prominent journalist, Larry J. Schreiner was a longtime *WGN Radio* reporter; and
- **WHEREAS,** Raised near Chicago's iconic Riverview amusement park and later in the Montclare neighborhood on the Northwest Side, Larry J. Shreiner was the stepson of a high-ranking law enforcement officer; and
- **WHEREAS,** Larry J. Schreiner began his career with the Skokie Police Department before joining the Chicago Police Department and eventually turned in his badge for press credentials; and
- **WHEREAS,** For nearly four decades Larry J. Schreiner chronicled "the pulse of the city"; and specialized in reporting on crime, fires and other breaking news stories; and
- **WHEREAS,** Widely respected for his street smarts and dogged determination, Larry J. Schreiner enjoyed the thrill of being the first to arrive on the scene of a breaking story; and
- **WHEREAS,** Larry J. Schreiner drove a Mercedes Benz equipped with police and fire scanners which tipped him off to stories as they unfolded overnight; and
- **WHEREAS,** In addition to his role as a radio reporter, Larry J. Schreiner was one of the first reporters to shoot video footage at crime scenes which he provided on a freelance basis to major television news outlets; and
- **WHEREAS,** Larry J. Schreiner worked with WGN Radio hosts, including Wally Phillips, Roy Leonard and Bob Collins and carved out a unique niche within the industry that made him a favorite of radio listeners; and
- **WHEREAS,** During his long and colorful career, Larry J. Schreiner enjoyed success as a broadcaster buoyed by his instincts, extensive array of contacts and vast experience in the law enforcement community; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Larry J. Schreiner serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared Larry J. Schreiner 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, Larry J. Schreiner will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

WHEREAS, To his sons, Matthew and Mark, and his two grandchildren, Larry J. Schreiner 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-fifth day of June, 2014, do hereby commemorate Larry J. Schreiner 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 Larry J. Schreiner.

lderman – 14th Ward