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MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that members of this Chamber learned of the death of Matthew A. Carlson on December 13, 2013, at the age of thirty; and

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

WHEREAS, Born on December 2, 1983 in Elgin, Illinois, Matthew "Mac" Alan Carlson was the beloved husband of Amy, nee Garlisch; loving son to devoted parents Bonnie, nee Rattray and Rick; cherished brother of Maggie (Frank) Turza; treasured uncle of Eddie and Finn; and dear friend and family member to many; and

WHEREAS, He was born with an insatiable desire to explore the world around him through rock climbing, kayaking, camping and biking, never losing a sense of wonder and appreciation for nature. He was known for his young spirit, with the creative abandon of an artist, he was a drawer, painter, glassmaker and musician. As a loyal friend and natural caregiver, Mac delighted in impressing his friends and family with his specialties of smoked barbeque and homemade ice cream.

WHEREAS, Accomplishing so much during a short life, Mac was an avid swimmer, he still holds the pool record in the one-hundred yard breaststroke at Barrington High School. Mac also understood the importance of hard work to live a balanced and complete life: he attended the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Medical Laboratory Science from Illinois State University, and then began his career as a Clinical Laboratory Scientist at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center after graduation. He was pursuing his Master's degree in Health Administration from Ohio University; and

WHEREAS, remembered as a dutiful husband, devoted son and sibling, dog-lover, energetic and kind uncle, frequent blood donor, active community member, teammate, coworker, Mac was a powerfully positive force in the lives of many; and

WHEREAS, embodying the way we should all live with a loyalty for those around him, an enthusiasm for what was ahead of him, and an appreciation for every day of his life, Mac brought joy to all those around him and will be deeply missed by many; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this fifteenth day of January, 2014, do hereby express our sorrow on the death of Matthew A. Carlson 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 Matthew A. Carlson.

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