



# City of Chicago



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**Meeting Date:** 11/5/2014  
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**Title:** Tribute to late Evelyn Echols  
**Committee(s) Assignment:**

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Evelyn Echols has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 99; and

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

**WHEREAS**, A resident of Chicago, Evelyn Echols was a widely admired entrepreneur and the loving wife of the late David; and

**WHEREAS**, Raised on a farm in LaSalle, Illinois, the former Evelyn Bassett moved to New York City in the mid-1930s and worked as a travel director for a large advertising agency; and

**WHEREAS**, Evelyn Echols married her advertising executive husband in 1950 and the couple moved to Chicago a decade later; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1962 Evelyn Echols opened a travel school, later known as International Travel Training Courses, Inc., a company that expanded operations to Los Angeles, San Francisco and Washington, D.C.; and

**WHEREAS**, Known for her can-do spirit and contagious optimism, Evelyn Echols earned a reputation as a widely recognized expert on hotel operations and travel; and

**WHEREAS**, Evelyn Echols also tapped her celebrity network to raise financial support for a wide range of worthy causes; and

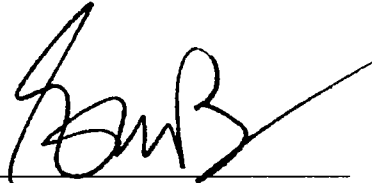
**WHEREAS**, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Evelyn Echols serve as an example to all; and

**WHEREAS**, Evelyn Echols will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by her many relatives, friends and admirers; and

**WHEREAS**, To her stepdaughter, Susan O'Donnell, her brother, Robert Bassett, and her sister, Gloria White, Evelyn Echols imparts a legacy of faithfulness and service and dignity; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this fifth day of November, 2014, do hereby commemorate Evelyn Echols for her grace-filled life and do hereby express our condolences to her family; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Evelyn Echols.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. B.', written over a horizontal line.

**Alderman – 14<sup>th</sup> Ward**