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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Seymour H. Persky has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 92; and

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

WHEREAS, Seymour H. Persky was a prominent Chicago real estate developer and preservationist; and

WHEREAS, The son of Russian immigrants, Seymour H. Persky was raised on the West Side and later in the Lawndale community; and

WHEREAS, Seymour H. Persky served in the United States Army Air Forces as an engine mechanic during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Seymour H. Persky graduated from Roosevelt University and DePaul University College of Law; and

WHEREAS, Seymour H. Persky worked as a criminal defense attorney before embarking on a career in real estate; and

WHEREAS, As a real estate investor and developer, Seymour H. Persky renovated apartment buildings in Lincoln Park and Evanston; and

WHEREAS, Seymour H. Persky was responsible for relocating the Society of Architectural Historians from Philadelphia to what is now known as the Charnley-Persky House located at 1365 North Astor Street on Chicago's Gold Coast; and

WHEREAS, As Chairman of the Union League's art committee, Seymour H. Persky played an instrumental role in erecting a replica of a Parisian Metro station on Michigan Avenue at Van Buren Street; and

WHEREAS, Seymour H. Persky also served as a member of the Commission on Chicago Landmarks and donated a bust of renowned Chicago novelist Saul Bellow to the Harold Washington Library Center; and

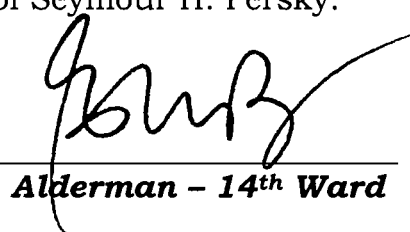
WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Seymour H. Persky serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, Seymour H. Persky was an individual of great integrity and accomplishment who will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

WHEREAS, To his companion, Bonnie Gilman, his daughter, Abby, and his two grandchildren, Seymour H. Persky 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 fifteenth day of April, 2015, do hereby commemorate Seymour H. Persky 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 Seymour H. Persky.



Alderman - 14th Ward