



# City of Chicago

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<b>Type:</b>	Resolution
<b>Title:</b>	Tribute to late Mike Ilitch
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS, Mike Ilitch has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 87; and**

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

**WHEREAS, Mike Ilitch was a widely admired member of the business community and the loving husband of Marian; and**

**WHEREAS, Mike Ilitch was the much-adored father of seven children, the grandfather of 22 and the great-grandfather of three to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and**

**WHEREAS, The son of Macedonian immigrants, Mike Ilitch played baseball at Detroit's Cooley High School and served his country in the United States Marine Corps; and**

**WHEREAS, Mike Ilitch was signed by the Detroit Tigers and played in the minor leagues until a knee injury ended his career; and**

**WHEREAS, In 1959 Mike Ilitch and his wife founded Little Caesars Pizza which became one of the world's largest carryout pizza chains; and**

**WHEREAS, A model of America's entrepreneurial spirit, Mike Ilitch purchased the Detroit Red Wings hockey team in 1982 and the team won the Stanley Cup in 1997, 1998, 2002 and 2008; and**

**WHEREAS, Mike Ilitch bought the Detroit Tigers baseball team in 1992; and**

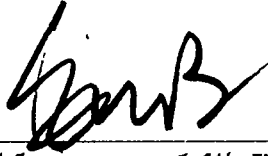
**WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Mike Ilitch serve as an example to all; and**

**WHEREAS, His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared Mike Ilitch 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, To his beloved family, Mike Ilitch 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-ninth day of March, 2017, do hereby commemorate Mike Ilitch 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 Mike Ilitch.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Jim B", is written above a horizontal line.

*Alderman – 14<sup>th</sup> Ward*