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**Committee(s) Assignment:**

## *RESOLUTION*

WHEREAS, Wayne Hoffman has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of eighty-nine; and

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

WHEREAS, Wayne Hoffman was a widely admired air cargo entrepreneur and the loving and devoted husband for sixty-six years of Laura; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Hoffman was the much-adored father of Philip, Karen and Kristin, the grandfather of eight and the great-grandfather of seven to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, A native of Chicago, Wayne Hoffman attended the University of Illinois where he earned both an undergraduate and a law degree; and

WHEREAS, During World War II, Wayne Hoffman bravely fought for his country on D-Day as a member of the United States Army's 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division on the beaches of Normandy; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of two Purple Hearts and a Silver Star, Wayne Hoffman rose to the rank of Captain; and

WHEREAS, After the war, Wayne Hoffman served in the law departments of the Illinois Central and New York Central railroads; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Hoffman rose to become the Chairman of Tiger International, which was founded by American volunteer fighter pilots who flew missions against the Japanese over China during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Hoffman brought transportation management knowledge to the Flying Tigers Line and helped it to become the world's largest air cargo carrier; and

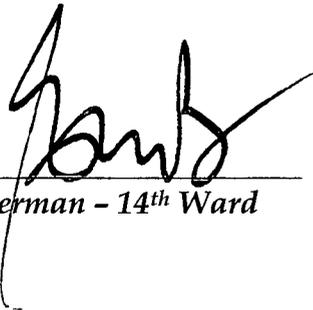
WHEREAS, Following a long and illustrious career, Wayne Hoffman retired as Chairman in 1986 prior to the company being sold to Federal Express; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Wayne Hoffman serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, Wayne Hoffman 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 eighteenth day of April, 2012, do hereby commemorate Wayne Hoffman 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 Wayne Hoffman.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. B. ...', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

*Alderman - 14<sup>th</sup> Ward*