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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, William Simpson 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, William Simpson was a widely admired businessman and philanthropist and the loving husband of the late Marilyn; and

WHEREAS, William Simpson was the much-adored father of Penelope and the late David, the grandfather of five and the great-grandfather of two to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, A native of Chicago, William Simpson graduated from Campion Jesuit High School and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and earned a master's degree in business administration from the University of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, William Simpson met his wife at the South Shore Country Club on Chicago's Far South Side and the couple wed in 1950; and

WHEREAS, William Simpson and his wife lived for many years in Kenilworth and Chicago before retiring to Naples, Florida; and

WHEREAS, William Simpson founded W.G. Simpson & Company, a private investment firm, and was a founder and director of Edens Plaza Bank of Wilmette; and

WHEREAS, William Simpson held appointed positions under two United States presidents; and

WHEREAS, William Simpson served as head of the Small Business Administration under President John F. Kennedy and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation under President Ronald Reagan; and

WHEREAS, William Simpson was a major benefactor of Loyola University in Chicago which named a large dormitory and student center on its Lake Shore campus after him and his wife; and

WHEREAS, A patron of the arts, William Simpson served on the Board of Governors of the Art Institute of Chicago where a gallery is also named for him; and

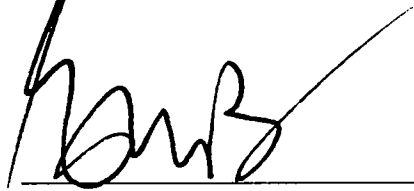
WHEREAS, The hard work, generosity and vision of William Simpson serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, William Simpson 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 beloved family, William Simpson 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 May, 2016, do hereby commemorate William Simpson 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 William Simpson.

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

Alderman - 14th Ward