



# City of Chicago



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| <b>Meeting Date:</b>            | 10/16/2013                      |
| <b>Sponsor(s):</b>              | Burke (14)                      |
| <b>Type:</b>                    | Resolution                      |
| <b>Title:</b>                   | Tribute to late Nicholas Oresko |
| <b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b> |                                 |

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** Nicholas Oresko has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of ninety-six; and

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

**WHEREAS,** A native of Bayonne, New Jersey, Nicholas Oresko was a World War II veteran and the oldest-living recipient of the Medal of Honor; and

**WHEREAS,** Nicholas Oresko was presented the nation's highest military honor in 1945 by United States President Harry Truman at a White House ceremony; and

**WHEREAS,** A Master Sergeant, Nicholas Oresko was recognized for his bravery during the Battle of the Bulge as a member of the 94<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division commanded by General George S. Patton; and

**WHEREAS,** Under a barrage of enemy fire, Nicholas Oresko single-handedly eliminated two German machine gun nests using hand grenades near Tettingen, Germany; and

**WHEREAS,** During his lone assault, Nicholas Oresko was gravely wounded in the hip and leg by machine gun fire while destroying the first enemy bunker; and

**WHEREAS,** Despite his serious injuries, Nicholas Oresko was able to crawl into position and take out the second enemy bunker; and

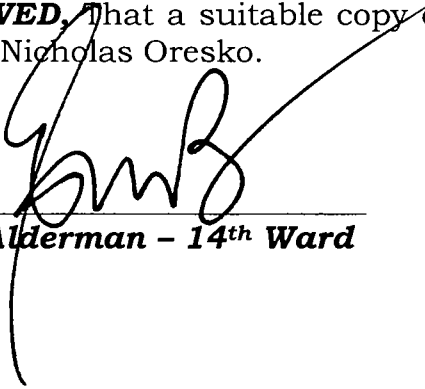
**WHEREAS,** The heroic actions of Nicholas Oresko were credited with saving the lives of numerous American soldiers; and

**WHEREAS,** The valor, sacrifice and dedication of Nicholas Oresko serve as an example to all; and

**WHEREAS,** A much-heralded example of our nation's "greatest generation," Nicholas Oresko will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his friends and admirers; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED,** That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this sixteenth day of October, 2013, do hereby commemorate Nicholas Oresko for his grace-filled life and do hereby express our condolences; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Nicholas Oresko.



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

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