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**Sponsor(s):** Burke (14)  
**Type:** Resolution  
**Title:** Tribute to late Chuck Yeager  
**Committee(s) Assignment:**

RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, Chuck Yeager has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 97; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Chuck was married to his late wife, Glennis Faye Dickhouse (1990), and is survived by four children and his second wife, Victoria D'Angelo who he remarried in 2003.

**WHEREAS**, Chuck was born in Myra, West Virginia and eventually moved to nearby Hamlin among the 600 inhabitants; and

**WHEREAS**, After high school Chuck enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Forces just months before the U.S. entered World War II and was trained as an Army Air Corps mechanic, but by July 1942 he was flight training in California and became a non-commissioned officer with the 363<sup>rd</sup> Fighter Squadron based at Leiston, Suffolk; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1947 Yeager was the first person to break the sound barrier, and by hitting Mach 1, he set the U.S. on a path that lead to Neil Armstrong's 1969 moon landing; and

**WHEREAS**, In the 1950s and 1960s, Yeager commanded squadrons, rising to colonel and later to brigadier general; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1983, Yeager was portrayed on film in "The Right Stuff," played by Sam Shepard; and

**WHEREAS**, Yeager was a member of the National Aviation Hall of Fame, and was honored with the naming of Yeager Airport in Charleston, West Virginia, including the naming of a bridge and a highway in his home state; and

**WHEREAS**, Yeager was awarded a Special Congressional Silver Medal in 1976, and was ranked No. 5 on Flying Magazine's 2013 list of "The 51 Heroes of Aviation"; and

**WHEREAS**, Yeager will always be remembered as the first human to go faster than the speed of sound; and

**WHEREAS**, To his beloved family, Chuck Yeager 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 Sixteenth day of December, 2020, do hereby commemorate Chuck

Yeager 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 Chuck Yeager.

Edward M. Burke

Edward M. Burke  
Alderman, 14<sup>th</sup> Ward