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Title: Tribute to late Franklin McMahon
Committee(s) Assignment:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Franklin McMahon has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of ninety; and

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

WHEREAS, A longtime resident of Lake Forest, Franklin McMahon was the loving and devoted husband of the late Irene; and

WHEREAS, Franklin McMahon was the much-adored father of William Franklin, Mark, Mary, Deborah, Patrick, Hugh, Margot, Michelle, and Michael, the grandfather of thirteen and the great-grandfather of five to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities which he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, Franklin McMahon was an internationally renowned "artist reporter" whose illustrations chronicled decades of the world's historically significant moments; and

WHEREAS, During World War II, Franklin McMahon served as a B-17 navigator, spending months in a German prisoner of war camp after his plane was shot down; and

WHEREAS, Franklin McMahon received much of his artist's training through the Art Institute of Chicago, and worked for numerous Chicago newspapers during his career; and

WHEREAS, Franklin McMahon documented countless historical events, including the Second Vatican Council, the Watergate hearings, the first walk on the moon, and the civil rights march through Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Franklin McMahon covered every presidential campaign from 1960 through 2008, and his picture of the first Kennedy-Nixon debate is among his most famous works; and

WHEREAS, Franklin McMahon received numerous awards and accolades for his work, including three Emmy Awards, a Peabody Award and the Renaissance Prize from the Art Institute of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, The work of Franklin McMahon is displayed in many prestigious institutions, including the Library of Congress, the Smithsonian and the Chicago History Museum; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, Franklin McMahon 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 fourteenth day of March, 2012, do hereby commemorate Franklin McMahon for his grace-filled life and do hereby declare this day to be *Franklin McMahon Day* in his memory; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Franklin McMahon.

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

Alderman - 14th Ward