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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, James J. Concannon has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 98; and

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

WHEREAS, James J. Concannon was a United States Navy veteran of World War II and the loving husband for 58 years of the late June, nee Peyton; and

WHEREAS, James J. Concannon was the much-adored father of Patricia, Michael (Ret-C.F.D.), Rosemary and James and the grandfather of five to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, A native of the Southwest Side, James J. Concannon attended Tilden High School and was working at the Campbell Soup plant when World War II broke out; and

WHEREAS, As a member of the "Greatest Generation" who lived through the hardships of the Great Depression and fought to preserve democracy in the darkest hours of World War II, James J. Concannon answered his nation's call to duty; and

WHEREAS, James J. Concannon bravely served in the Philippines aboard Navy LST 562 and returned home following the surrender of Japan in 1945; and

WHEREAS, In May of 1946, James J. Concannon began his law enforcement career with the Chicago Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Less than a month later, James J. Concannon was among officers called to the scene of the La Salle Hotel fire, a tragedy so devastating that City Hall was used as a temporary morgue; and

WHEREAS, In 1966 James J. Concannon was assigned to help provide around-the-clock protection for Corazon Amurao, the lone survivor after Richard Speck brutally murdered eight student nurses; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure, James J. Concannon served as a patrol officer, Detective and Sergeant before officially retiring from the Chicago Police Department in 1979; and

WHEREAS, In 1983 James J. Concannon joined the Chicago City Council Committee on Finance as an aide where he faithfully served until his retirement in July of 2011; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of James J. Concannon serve as an example to all; and

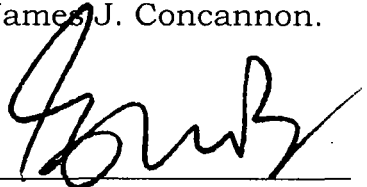
WHEREAS, His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared James J. Concannon to his family members, friends and all who knew him, and enabled him to enrich their lives in ways they will never forget; and

WHEREAS, A person of quiet humility and unfailing integrity, James J. Concannon will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, James J. Concannon 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 twenty-first day of January, 2015, do hereby commemorate James J. Concannon 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 James J. Concannon.



Alderman - 14th Ward