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Tribute to late Honorable George A Kwak

**Committee(s) Assignment:** 

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, Honorable George A. Kwak has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 99; and

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

WHEREAS, George was married to the late Lois G. nee Johnston for 67 years, and is survived by his five children Norman, Paul (Lynne), Mark (Debra), John, Michelle (Terry) Vagnoni, and 6 grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, George was born on February 21, 1922 and was raised in the Pilsen neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, George lived most of his adult life in Brighton Park, Chicago for 55 years, until he moved to Lemont, Illinois in 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, He attended St. Adalbert's Catholic Grammar School, Holy Trinity High School, and received a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Illinois Navy Pier campus; and

**WHEREAS,** George joined the U.S. Army on July 7, 1944 serving as a Technical Sergeant in World War II; and

**WHEREAS**, George worked as a radio controller under General S. Patton in France and Germany after the Allied invasion of Normandy; and

WHERAS, George fought in the Battle of the Bulge and Rhineland Offensive; and

**WHEREAS**, Prior to his Honorable Discharge on June 6, 1946, George was decorated with a Victory Medal, 3 Bronze Battle Stars, 3 Overseas Service Bars, a good Conduct Medal, and an Army of Occupation Medal; and

**WHEREAS**, After military service, he worked for various companies which included Edison General Electric, Frye Roofing, Sportsman Park, and became owner of Domain Builders; and

**WHEREAS**, George was elected Alderman for the 12<sup>th</sup> Ward in a special election that was held in 1973, and was re-elected for a four-year term in 1975; and

**WHEREAS**, George owned and operated Aristocrat Accounting where he stayed open until his retirement in 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, To his beloved family, Honorable George A. Kwak 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 September, 2021, do hereby commemorate Honorable George A. Kwak 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 Honorable George A. Kwak.

Edward M. Burke

Aldernan, 14th Ward