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Tribute to late Bouruch Spiegel

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Boruch Spiegel has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of ninety-three; and

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

WHEREAS, Boruch Spiegel was one of the last remaining survivors of the 1943 Warsaw ghetto uprising of poorly armed Jewish insurgents who was crushed by Nazi forces occupying Poland; and

WHEREAS, Boruch Spiegel was one of an estimated 750 participants in the legendary revolt who, on April 18, 1943, took the Germans off-guard and were able to hold out for a month against overwhelming odds; and

WHEREAS, The struggle of Boruch Spiegel and his fellow Jewish fighters stands as a symbol of Jewish resistance against Nazi persecution during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Boruch Spiegel, along with his future wife, Chaika, and a small number of comrades were able to eventually escape the ghetto through underground sewage canals; and

WHEREAS, The bravery, sacrifice and dedication of Boruch Spiegel serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, Boruch Spiegel will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

WHEREAS, To his son, Julius, his daughter, Mindy, and his four adoring grandchildren, Boruch Spiegel 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 fifth day of June, 2013, do hereby commemorate Boruch Spiegel for his grace-filled life and do hereby express our condolences to his family; and

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

Alderman - 14th Ward