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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Matthew Sapolin has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of forty-one; and

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

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of New York, Matthew Sapolin was the loving and devoted husband of Candra; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Sapolin was the much-adored father of Trevor and Toscana to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities which he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Sapolin served as Commissioner for the New York City Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities for nine years and ensured that the rights and needs of disabled persons were included in all city initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Sapolin built the nation's largest Disability Mentoring Day, chaired New York City's Building Code Accessibility Committee, and spearheaded the creation of Inclusive Design Guidelines, an internationally distributed blueprint for accessible design; and

WHEREAS, In recent years Matthew Sapolin worked tirelessly to ensure that New York's National September 11th Memorial be made accessible to everyone; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Sapolin attended New York University where he was captain of the varsity wrestling team; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Sapolin held a master's degree in Public Health Administration and was an Adjunct Professor at the City of New York University; and

WHEREAS, A talented athlete in his own right, Matthew Sapolin played several sports and worked passionately to ensure that others with disabilities had access to sports; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Sapolin inspired the lives of countless people through his great personal goodness, charity and concern; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, dedication and sacrifice of Matthew Sapolin serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, Matthew Sapolin 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 December, 2011, do hereby commemorate Matthew Sapolin 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 Matthew Sapolin.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. B. B.', is written above a horizontal line.

Alderman - 14th Ward