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Tribute to Late Joseph Soukal

Committee(s) Assignment:

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH SOUKAL

WHEREAS, In His Infinite Wisdom, Almighty God has granted eternal peace to Joseph Soukal, a beloved

husband, an outstanding father, and public servant, on June 5, 2011, at the age of 95 years old; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Soukal started on his life's journey as one of five children born to the union of the late

Frank and Rose Soukal. Joseph Soukal was a World War II veteran who served his country proudly in the

United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Joseph, the proud owner of Soukal Floral Company, Inc., a faithful member of St. Jane de

Chantal H.N.S., and a member of the Catholic War Veterans Post #500, was a pillar among the businessmen

of his Southwest Side neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, The beloved husband of 72 years to Helen (nee Zanovit); loving father of Joseph R. (Janece),

Gerald F. (Patricia) and Frank K. Soukal; cherished grandfather of Jerry (Gina), Dana (Dennis), Debbie

(Rick), Lori (Patrick), Glenn (Desirea) and Karel (Heather); great grandfather of 17; dear brother of Marie

(late John) Klimek, the late Frank (late Marion), the late Mildred (late Charles) Vrhel and the late Josephine

(late Anthony) Kokaisl; fond cousin of Blanche (Tony) Gass; loving uncle to many, and a wonderful friend

of many, Joseph Soukal leaves a legacy of faith, dignity, compassion and love; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Michael R. Zaiewski, Alderman of the 23rd Ward have informed this august

body of the passing of Mr. Joseph Soukal; now therefore

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and the members of the City of Chicago City Council, gathered together

this 6th day of July 2011 A.D., do hereby express our heartfelt sorrow upon the news of the passing of Joseph

Soukal and extend our sincerest condolences to his family, and many friends whose lives he touched.

Be It Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of

Joseph Soukal.

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MICHAEL R. ZALEWSKI Alderman – 23rd Ward