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<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, James L. Coghlan has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of eighty; and

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

**WHEREAS**, James L. Coghlan was the leader of a prominent Chicago legal family and the loving husband of Carol; and

**WHEREAS**, James L. Coghlan was the much-adored father of the Honorable Mary Ellen, Mark, James A., Cathleen, Nancy, Barbara, Terese, Paul and Edward, the grandfather of fourteen and the great-grandfather of three to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

**WHEREAS**, James L. Coghlan was the dear brother of Catherine, the Honorable Martin, Mary and the late Jack; and

**WHEREAS**, Born on June 3, 1932, in Chicago, James L. Coghlan was raised in St. Margaret of Scotland Parish and played football for Leo High School; and

**WHEREAS**, James L. Coghlan attended Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and transferred to DePaul University where he earned his law degree; and

**WHEREAS**, James L. Coghlan joined the family firm headed by his late father, John, and began his career practicing criminal law; and

**WHEREAS**, James L. Coghlan later specialized in civil law and by 1975 represented the Teamsters Union's Central States Pension Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, James L. Coghlan became an expert in the emerging fields of employee benefits and Employee Retirement Income Security Act litigation; and

**WHEREAS**, Widely respected by his peers, James L. Coghlan served as the Chairman of the Review Board of the Illinois Attorney Registration & Disciplinary Commission from 1990 to 1994; and

**WHEREAS**, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of James L. Coghlan serve as an example to all; and



**WHEREAS,** James L. Coghlan will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

**WHEREAS,** To his beloved family, James L. Coghlan 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 twelfth day of September, 2012, do hereby commemorate James L. Coghlan 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 L. Coghlan.



Alderman - 14<sup>th</sup> Ward

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