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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Honorable Ronald J.P. Banks has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 76; and

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

WHEREAS, The Honorable Ronald J.P. Banks was a widely admired member of the judiciary and the loving husband of Donna, nee Smat; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Ronald J.P. Banks was the much-adored father of Ronald, Kimberly, Samuel, Lynn, Hope and Heather and the grandfather of five to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Ronald J.P. Banks was the dear brother of Marlene Panebianco, the Honorable William J.P. and the late James and the late Samuel V.P. and

WHEREAS, Raised in the Austin neighborhood on the Far West Side, the Honorable Ronald J.P. Banks was the son of the late Hope Marie and James J., a currency exchange owner; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Ronald J.P. Banks graduated from De Paul University College of Law and began his legal career as a Cook County prosecutor; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Ronald J.P. Banks went on to enjoy a long and highly distinguished career as a Cook County Circuit Court Judge; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Ronald J.P. Banks presided over the 1985 trial of three chemical company supervisors accused of murder in the case of a factory worker who died after inhaling cyanide fumes from a solution used to recover silver; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Ronald J.P. Banks retired from the bench in 2000; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of the Honorable Ronald J.P. Banks serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Ronald J.P. Banks will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, the Honorable Ronald J.P. Banks 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 twenty-first day of January, 2015, do hereby commemorate the Honorable Ronald J.P. Banks 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 the Honorable Ronald J.P. Banks.



Alderman - 14th Ward