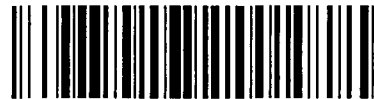




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## *RESOLUTION*

*WHEREAS*, Harry McPherson, Jr., has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of eighty-two; and

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

*WHEREAS*, A distinguished public servant, Harry McPherson, Jr., was the loving and devoted husband of Mary Patricia DeGroot; and

*WHEREAS*, Harry McPherson, Jr. was the much-adored father of Coco, Peter, and Samuel to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities which he possessed in abundance; and

*WHEREAS*, Harry McPherson, Jr., served as chief advisor and speechwriter for President Lyndon B. Johnson from 1966 through 1969, and worked on such historically significant issues as civil rights and the war in Vietnam; and

*WHEREAS*, A native of Tyler, Texas, Harry McPherson, Jr., served in the United States Air Force from 1950 through 1953 before earning his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law; and

*WHEREAS*, Harry McPherson, Jr., held positions at the Pentagon and State Department before joining the Johnson White House in 1965; and

*WHEREAS*, Harry McPherson, Jr., shaped some of President Johnson's most important policy speeches, including the nationally-televised 1969 address which announced both a halt to the bombing in North Vietnam and the President's decision to not seek re-election; and

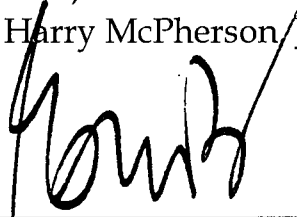
*WHEREAS*, Harry McPherson, Jr., was known for his sound judgment, unshakable loyalty, and wise opinions during the turbulent years of Lyndon B. Johnson's presidency; and

*WHEREAS*, Harry McPherson, Jr., remained in Washington after leaving the White House and worked as a lawyer and lobbyist; and

**WHEREAS**, To his beloved family, Harry McPherson, Jr., 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 March, 2012, do hereby commemorate Harry McPherson, Jr., 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 Harry McPherson, Jr.

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

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