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**Committee(s) Assignment:**

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Harry "Bus" Yourell has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of ninety-two; and

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

**WHEREAS**, A longtime resident of Oak Lawn, the Honorable Harry "Bus" Yourell was a veteran public official and the loving husband for sixty-six years of Millie; and

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Harry "Bus" Yourell was the much-adored father of Jeffrey, Peter, and Michele, the grandfather of five and the great-grandfather of six to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities which he possessed in abundance; and

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Harry "Bus" Yourell launched his political career in 1959 as an Oak Park Trustee; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1966 the Honorable Harry "Bus" Yourell was appointed to fill a vacancy in the Illinois General Assembly where he served nine terms; and

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Harry "Bus" Yourell was elected in 1984 to serve as Cook County Recorder of Deeds and in 1988 as a Commissioner of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago where he served for eighteen years; and

**WHEREAS**, Following a long and illustrious career as an elected official, which also included service as a Worth Township Supervisor, the Honorable Harry "Bus" Yourell retired in 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Harry "Bus" Yourell bravely served his country in the South Pacific during World War II and survived being bayoneted by a Japanese soldier; and

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Harry "Bus" Yourell was decorated with a Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts; and

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**WHEREAS**, The hard work, dedication and sacrifice of the Honorable Harry "Bus" Yourell serve as an example to all; and

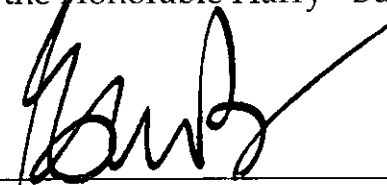
**WHEREAS**, His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared the Honorable Harry "Bus" Yourell to his family members, friends and all who knew him, and enabled him to enrich their lives in ways they will never forget; and

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Harry "Bus" Yourell will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives and friends; and

**WHEREAS**, To his beloved family, the Honorable Harry "Bus" Yourell 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 fifth day of October, 2011, do hereby commemorate the Honorable Harry "Bus" Yourell 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 Harry "Bus" Yourell.

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