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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Honorable Arthur ("Art") L. Berman has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 85; and

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

WHEREAS, Art Berman, beloved husband and best friend for almost 30 years of Barbara, loving father of Adam and Marcy, adored grandfather of Josh Berman, Amanda (Berman) Schwartz, Alex Berman, Jake and Jeremy Padorr, devoted son of the late Morris and the late Jean Berman, dear brother of the late David Berman and the late Steven Berman, fond brother-in-law of the late Kenny Dombeck, treasured uncle and friend to many; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of the Rogers Park and Edgewater neighborhoods, Art graduated from Senn High School, the University of Illinois, and Northwestern Law School, Class of 1958 where he earned a position on the Law Review; and

WHEREAS, Art was a respected attorney, community leader, and one of the longest-serving State Democratic legislators in Illinois History, serving from 1969 - 2000; and

WHEREAS, Having won 22 elections for public office, Art was widely recognized as "the Education Senator" for championing improved schooling for the children of Illinois as Chairman of the Senate Education Committee; and

WHEREAS, Art was a proud board member of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, the Anti-Defamation League, the Decalogue Society of Lawyers, Emanuel Congregation, and numerous other civic, legal, legislative, educational, and Jewish organizations and committees; and

WHEREAS, Art was a true lover of the Chicago Bears and enjoyed a competitive game of tennis; and

WHEREAS, Always putting family first, Art often reflected how lucky he was to have such a wonderful life with a caring wife, terrific children, and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, Honorable Arthur Berman 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 Seventeenth day of June, 2020, do hereby commemorate Honorable Arthur Berman 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 Honorable Arthur Berman.

Edward M. Burke
Alderman, 14th Ward