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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Dr. Richard Koch has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of eighty-nine; and

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

WHEREAS, A medical pioneer in the field of disability, Dr. Richard Koch was the loving and devoted husband of Jean; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Richard Koch was the much-adored father of Jill, Christine, Leslie, Tom and Martin, the beloved grandfather of ten and the proud great-grandfather of nine to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities which he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Richard Koch changed the way that the developmentally disabled are cared for in the United States and all but eradicated a hereditary disorder known as PKU; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Richard Koch earned his medical degree from the University of Rochester in New York before beginning a groundbreaking medical career at Los Angeles' Children's Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Richard Koch established traveling clinics which allowed developmentally disabled children to receive medical care while remaining at home with their families; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Richard Koch launched the now mandatory screenings which test newborns for PKU, a hereditary disorder which causes mental disabilities but which is preventable if identified in infancy; and

WHEREAS, Prior to attending medical school, Dr. Richard Koch served in the Army Air Force during World War II and spent thirteen months in a German POW camp; and

WHEREAS, The relatives, friends, and colleagues of Dr. Richard Koch will remember him as an unassuming, gentle, gracious and kind-hearted man who had an enormous impact on infant health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, Dr. Richard Koch 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 second day of November, 2011, do hereby commemorate Dr. Richard Koch 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 Dr. Richard Koch.

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

Alderman - 14th Ward