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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, King George Tupou V has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of sixty-three; and

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

WHEREAS, The ruler of Tonga, King George Tupou V was a true statesman and the architect of an evolving democracy in his Pacific island nation; and

WHEREAS, At the time of his death, King George Tupou V had ruled Tonga and its 106,000 residents for more than five years; and

WHEREAS, An educated leader, King George Tupou V studied at King's College in both Britain and New Zealand; and

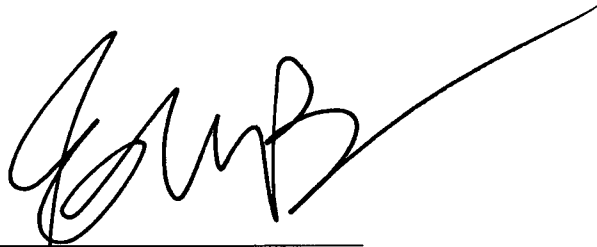
WHEREAS, King George Tupou V favored a progressive style of government and pushed for technological advancements and an open economy in Tonga; and

WHEREAS, In a nod to political reform, King George Tupou V seeded most of his executive powers to a democratically-elected parliament before he assumed the throne; and

WHEREAS, King George Tupou V will be remembered as a leader who used the monarchy for positive change in Tonga; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this eighteenth day of April, 2012, do hereby commemorate King George Tupou V 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 King George Tupou V.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'GMB' with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Alderman - 14th Ward