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## *RESOLUTION*

*WHEREAS*, Frank D. Lucchesi has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of ninety-three; and

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

*WHEREAS*, Frank D. Lucchesi was the loving and devoted husband of Vera; and

*WHEREAS*, Frank D. Lucchesi was the much-adored father of Arlene and Frank, the grandfather of four and the great-grandfather of three to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities which he possessed in abundance; and

*WHEREAS*, The youngest of five sons born to Italian immigrants, Frank D. Lucchesi served in the United States Navy as a radar specialist during World War II; and

*WHEREAS*, A Chicago Avenue icon, Frank D. Lucchesi was a father figure to thousands of youths on the City's West Side; and

*WHEREAS*, As founder of both the Lucchesi Boys Off the Street Club and the Pat Patrone Little League, Frank D. Lucchesi involved youngsters in sports to keep them out of trouble; and

*WHEREAS*, Frank D. Lucchesi launched the first youth sports program in his Italian, working-class neighborhood, and personally coached baseball, basketball, football, hockey and boxing for many years; and

*WHEREAS*, Frank D. Lucchesi also organized parades, street dances, and roller-skating parties in an attempt to provide fun and constructive activities for the children of his community; and

*WHEREAS*, No child was ever turned away from his programs for lack of money because Frank D. Lucchesi would cover the costs himself when necessary; and

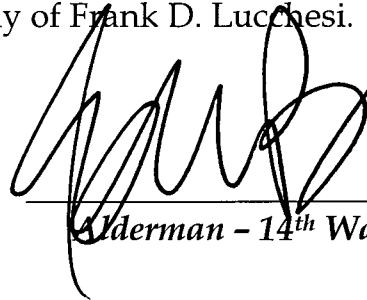
**WHEREAS**, The National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame annually bestows a "neighborhood hero" award in honor of Frank D. Lucchesi; and

**WHEREAS**, Hundreds of his former athletes continue to meet annually and credit Frank D. Lucchesi with their lasting friendships; and

**WHEREAS**, To his beloved family, Frank D. Lucchesi 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 eighteenth day of April, 2012, do hereby commemorate Frank D. Lucchesi 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 Frank D. Lucchesi.

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