



# City of Chicago



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## ***RESOLUTION***

***WHEREAS***, The Honorable Robert Joseph Downing has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God; and

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

***WHEREAS***, A resident of Glenview, the Honorable Robert Joseph Downing was a retired jurist and the loving husband of Dorothy Joan, nee Vollman; and

***WHEREAS***, The Honorable Robert Joseph Downing was the much-adored father of Michael and Patrice, the grandfather of two and the great grandfather of two to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

***WHEREAS***, A native of Des Moines, Iowa, the Honorable Robert Joseph Downing graduated from Creighton University and Loyola University Law School; and

***WHEREAS***, The Honorable Robert Joseph Downing was an attorney before serving as a Cook County Circuit Court Judge at the Criminal Courts Building at 26<sup>th</sup> Street and California Avenue, where he presided over felony cases; and

***WHEREAS***, The Honorable Robert Joseph Downing retired from the bench as Chief Justice of the Appellate Court for the Northern District in 1984; and

***WHEREAS***, Until June of 2009, the Honorable Robert Joseph Downing worked in state and federal arbitration and conducted a private law practice; and

**WHEREAS,** A man committed to excellence who maintained a high level of integrity, the Honorable Robert Joseph Downing gave of himself fully to his family and was a loyal friend to many; and

**WHEREAS,** The Honorable Robert Joseph Downing inspired the lives of countless people through his great personal goodness, charity and concern; and

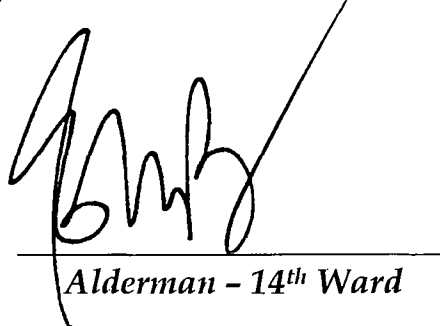
**WHEREAS,** The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of the Honorable Robert Joseph Downing serve as an example to all; and

**WHEREAS,** The Honorable Robert Joseph Downing was an individual of great integrity and accomplishment who will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

**WHEREAS,** To his beloved family, the Honorable Robert Joseph Downing 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 third day of November, 2010, do hereby commemorate the Honorable Robert Joseph Downing 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 Robert Joseph Downing.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. B. B.', is written over a horizontal line. Below the line, the text 'Alderman - 14<sup>th</sup> Ward' is printed.