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### RESOLUTION<sup>U</sup>

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WHEREAS, John J. Jemilo has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of the City Council at the age of 89; and

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

WHEREAS, John J. Jemilo was the loving husband of Candace; and

WHEREAS, John J. Jemilo was the much-adored father of Claudia, John, Leah Ruth, Stephanie, and the late Kurt, the grandfather of four, and the great-grandfather of three to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, John J. Jemilo enjoyed a long and highly successful career as an attorney, teacher, and Chicago Police officer; and

WHEREAS, John J. Jemilo was born and raised in Chicago where he attended St. Rita High School, Chicago Teachers College, Illinois Institute of Technology, and John Marshall Law School; and

WHEREAS, Prior to his career as a police officer, John J. Jemilo enlisted in the United States Marine Corps where he served as a Sergeant during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, Upon discharge from the Marines, John J. Jemilo joined the Chicago Police Department where he rose through the ranks as District Commander, Director of Training, Chief of Patrol, and First Deputy Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, As the First Deputy Superintendent of the Chicago Police Department, John J. Jemilo is

remembered for his commitment to improving law enforcement, fighting for racial justice, and advocating for diverse hiring practices of officers; and

WHEREAS, John J. Jemilo also served as Executive Director of the Chicago Crime Commission and taught as an adjunct law professor at Loyola University and DePaul University; and

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WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of John J. Jemilo serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, His love of life and ability to live it to the fullest endeared John J. Jemilo to his family members, friends and all who knew him, and enabled him to enrich their lives in ways they will never forget; and

WHEREAS, John J. Jemilo 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, John J. Jemilo 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 twenty-sixth day of November, 2019, do hereby commemorate John J. Jemilo 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 John J. Jemilo.

Edward M. Burke Alderman,  
14th Ward