

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Members of this Chamber were deeply saddened to learn of the tragic death of Louis Alan Berger, beloved husband, father and community volunteer, on August 11, 2010, at the age of 50; and

WHEREAS, Born in Chicago on August 16, 1959 to Meta and Ronald Berger, Mr. Berger moved with his family to the northern suburbs of Highland Park and Winnetka, and after graduating from Avon Old Farms School, a college preparatory high school in Avon, Connecticut, he attended Drew University in Madison, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Berger met his wife of twenty-eight years, Robin Loewenberg, during high school, and they became the proud parents of two sons, James and Michael; and

WHEREAS, After he was diagnosed with incurable brain cancer at the age of 49, Mr. Berger courageously decided to aid others afflicted with the illness by raising funds for brain cancer research, and he and his wife helped organize the charitable component of the Magellan Development Chicago Spring Half Marathon and 10 K race held in May, 2010, which raised \$250,000.00 for the Northwestern Brain Tumor Institute; and

WHEREAS, Renowned for his wit and generosity, Mr. Berger gave selflessly of himself to many charitable and civic organizations, including serving on the board of Chicago Youth Programs, which helps inner-city and at-risk children; and serving as an advisory council member of the Northwestern Brain Tumor Institute at the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Care Center; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his work for charitable organizations, Mr. Berger was a tireless supporter of cultural organizations, including serving on the board of the North Lakeside Cultural Center, a center which offers the residents of the Edgewater, Rogers Park, and north Uptown communities a place to gather and share cultural activities; and was active in the Art Institute of Chicago, the Museum of Contemporary Art and the Latin School of Chicago, where his wife, sons and late father attended school; and

WHEREAS, During his long and distinguished career, Mr. Berger served as the President of Inductametals LP, a manufacturing company, and worked in the family's real estate business; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Berger was greatly devoted to his family and treasured the time they spent together in their home in Aspen; and

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

WHEREAS, The passing of Mr. Berger will be deeply felt by his family and friends, especially by his wife, Robin; his sons, James and Michael; his mother, Meta; his brother, Jonathan; his sister, Jan; and a host of other relatives and friends; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this third day of November, 2010, do hereby commemorate Louis Alan Berger for his fruitful life and do hereby extend our most sincere condolences to his family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the family of Louis Alan Berger as a sign of our sympathy and good wishes.