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### OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL  
MAYOR

June 27, 2018

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF CHICAGO

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith, together with Aldermen Burke, Austin and Sawyer, a resolution concerning the life and memory of George Leighton.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Mayor

Very truly yours,

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*of Gkicago, Illinois*

Aldermen Edward M. Burke, Carrie M. Austin, Roderick T. Sawyer and  
resented by Mayor Rahm Emanuel OK June 27, 2018

The Members of this Chamber were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Judge George N. Leighton. Judge Leighton served the people of Chicago with dedication and distinction for more than six decades, a remarkable tenure, and

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After graduating from Howard University, he enrolled at Harvard Law School, pausing his legal studies briefly to serve in the U.S. Navy during World War II before graduating in 1946 and joining the

WHEREAS) George Le^htQh^erS/ied bravely during World War II'iri the segregated 93'?  
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integrated schools; qnp! . . .

WHEREAS, George Leighton often took on cases pro bono, including traveling to the south to help protect voting rights in Alabama, ensure jury representation in Mississippi, and

assist with other civil rights matters; and

WHEREAS, In 1960, Judge Leighton began his work with the judiciary, first serving as Master in Chancery for the Circuit Court of Cook County for four years, and then as a judge for five years with the Circuit Court of Cook County. In 1969, he became the first African American to hold the position of district appellate judge in Illinois, when he was appointed to serve on the First District Appellate Court; and

BE /T FURTHER RESOLVED. That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the family of Judge George N. Leighton as a token of our sympathy and esteem.