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### ***RESOLUTION***

WHEREAS, Yosh Kawano has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 97; and

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

WHEREAS, A native of Seattle, Yosh Kawano was a member of "Our Greatest Generation" who fought in the Pacific Theatre of Operations during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Yosh Kawano began his career with the Chicago Cubs as a batboy in 1935 and was the Equipment Manager for the team for more than 60 years; and

WHEREAS, A widely beloved and inspirational figure, Yosh Kawano kept order and cleanliness in the locker room while quietly forging lasting relationships with players; and

WHEREAS, Yosh Kawano worked for the Chicago Cubs under 37 managers before he retired in 2008 at the age of 88; and

WHEREAS, Yosh Kawano was a witness to the history of the Chicago Cubs, including the team's loss in the World Series to the Detroit Tigers in 1945 and its thrilling World Series win in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Yosh Kawano worked in the Cubs locker room under legendary coaches Charley Grimm, Leo Durocher, Herman Franks and Lee Elia and rubbed shoulders with iconic players such as Gabby Hartnett, Bill "Swish" Nicholson and Andy Pafko; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Yosh Kawano serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, Yosh Kawano will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and admirers; and

WHEREAS, To his brother, Nobe, his two nieces, Ellen and Hana, and his nephew, Frank, Yosh Kawano 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-fifth day of July, 2018, do hereby commemorate Yosh Kawano 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 Yosh KaWano.

*Alderman - 14<sup>th</sup> ward*