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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, James C. Dowdle has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of seventy-nine; and

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

WHEREAS, A resident of Wilmette, James C. Dowdle was a prominent broadcasting executive and the loving husband of Sally, nee Sayers; and

WHEREAS, James C. Dowdle was the much-adored father of Jim, Colleen, Jeanne, Sarah and the late Pati, and the grandfather of eighteen; and

WHEREAS, The son of a building contractor, James C. Dowdle was raised in the South Shore neighborhood and graduated from Loyola Academy and the University of Notre Dame; and

WHEREAS, After serving his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps, James C. Dowdle embarked on a nearly four-decade long career in the broadcasting industry; and

WHEREAS, James C. Dowdle worked in sales and management positions at several television stations across the country before he was hired by the Tribune Company in 1981; and

WHEREAS, James C. Dowdle earned a reputation as a visionary leader who played a pivotal role in the transformation of the Tribune Company into a major media conglomerate; and

WHEREAS, James C. Dowdle oversaw the June 1981 purchase of the Chicago Cubs; and

WHEREAS, James C. Dowdle hired legendary announcer Harry Caray away from the Chicago White Sox and installed highly respected Minnesota Twins General Manager Andy MacPhail as the President and CEO of the Cubs; and

WHEREAS, Following a long and illustrious career, James C. Dowdle retired from the Tribune Company in 1999; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of James C. Dowdle serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, James C. Dowdle will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends and

admirers; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, James C. Dowdle 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 fifth day of March, 2014, do hereby commemorate James C. Dowdle 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 James C. Dowdle. /

Aldertitan - 14th Ward