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## Legislation Text

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### *RESOLUTION*

WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert Joseph Downing has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God; and

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

WHEREAS, A resident of Glenview, the Honorable Robert Joseph Downing was a retired jurist and the loving husband of Dorothy Joan, nee Vollman; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert Joseph Downing was the much-adored father of Michael and Patrice, the grandfather of two and the great grandfather of two to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, A native of Des Moines, Iowa, the Honorable Robert Joseph Downing graduated from Creighton University and Loyola University Law School; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert Joseph Downing was an attorney before serving as a Cook County Circuit Court Judge at the Criminal Courts Building at 26<sup>th</sup> Street and California Avenue, where he presided over felony cases; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert Joseph Downing retired from the bench as Chief Justice of the Appellate Court for the Northern District in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Until June of 2009, the Honorable Robert Joseph Downing worked in state and federal arbitration and conducted a private law practice; and

WHEREAS, A man committed to excellence who maintained a high level of integrity, the Honorable Robert Joseph Downing gave of himself fully to his family and was a loyal friend to many; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert Joseph Downing inspired the lives of countless people through his great personal goodness, charity and concern; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of the Honorable Robert Joseph Downing serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert Joseph Downing 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, the Honorable Robert Joseph Downing 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 third day of November, 2010, do hereby commemorate the Honorable Robert Joseph Downing for his grace-filled life and do hereby express our condolences to his family; and

Alderman - 14<sup>th</sup> Ward V

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of the Honorable Robert Joseph Downing.