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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that members of this Chamber learned of the death of Garrett FitzGerald, on May 9, 2015, at the age of thirty-nine; and

WHEREAS, The City Council has been informed of his passing by Ameya Pawar, Alderman of the 47th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Born on August 26, 1976, Garrett was the beloved husband of Alicia; loving father of Bridget, and was admired and appreciated by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. Garrett leaves a legacy of leadership, dignity, and friendship; and

WHEREAS, Garrett was the Executive Director of the Northcenter Chamber of Commerce since 2006 and the Chief Executive Officer of the Northwest Community Corporation, and was a leader in promoting the economic development and vitality of the North Center neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, under Garrett's leadership the membership of the Northcenter Chamber of Commerce grew from 23 members to nearly 400. Garrett was also the driving force behind expanding the chamber's programming such as concert series, movies in the square and leading Ribfest to be one of Chicago's most successful summer festivals; and

WHEREAS, Garrett served on the Illinois Civil Service Commission as a Commissioner and as Chairman since 2011; and

WHEREAS, Garrett served admirably as a member of the staff for former 47th Ward Alderman Eugene Schuster and Cook County Commissioner Forrest Claypool; and

WHEREAS, Garrett was an active volunteer in the community. Serving as the past Treasurer and Chairman of the Board at Neumann Family Services, a member of the St. Benedict School Board of Directors, an elected member of the Bell School Local Advisory Council, and the 4th Congressional District Representative on the Citizens' Utility Board; and

WHEREAS, since being diagnosed with brain cancer in 2013, Garrett fought bravely and admirably against the disease and served as an inspiration to many; and

WHEREAS, the entire 47th Ward, and particularly the North Center community, will dearly miss and fondly remember Garrett's countless contributions to the community; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this twentieth day of May, 2015, do hereby express our gratitude and appreciation to the late Garrett FitzGerald for

his leadership and dedication to improving the Northcenter neighborhood and the 47th Ward as a whole and do hereby extend our condolences to his family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESLOVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Garrett FitzGerald.