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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Newton N. Minow, a highly distinguished member of the legal profession, will celebrate the joyful occasion of his 90th Birthday at a special celebration on January 12, 2016, at The Chicago Club, 81 East Van Buren Street in Chicago; and

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

WHEREAS, A native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and a member of our nation's "Greatest Generation," Newton N. Minow bravely served his country during World War II as a Sergeant in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, After the war, Newton N. Minow earned both his undergraduate and law degrees from Northwestern University; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduation from law school, Newton N. Minow joined the law firm of Mayer, Brown & Piatt before accepting a position as a law clerk to United States Supreme Court Justice Fred M. Vinson; and

WHEREAS, Newton N. Minow became an assistant counsel to Illinois Governor Adlai Stevenson and later Chaired the Federal Communications Commission under President John F. Kennedy; and

WHEREAS, In a speech delivered to the National Broadcasters Association Convention in 1961, Newton N. Minow famously coined the term "a vast wasteland," a criticism that has reverberated throughout the television industry for many decades; and

WHEREAS, Newton N. Minow served on the Board of Governors of the Public Broadcasting Service from 1973 to 1980 and as its Chair from 1978 to 1980; and

WHEREAS, Newton N. Minow served from 1965 to 1991 as Managing Partner of the law firm of Sidley Austin where he remains Senior Counsel; and

EREAS, Newton N. Minow is an Honorary Consul General of the Republic of Singapore; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice and dedication of Newton N. Minow serve as an example to all; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council assembled this ninth day of December, 2015 do hereby congratulate Newton N. Minow on the occasion of his 90th Birthday and do hereby declare that January 12, 2016, shall be recognized as Newton N. Minow Day throughout the City of Chicago; and