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Resolution Honoring Michael Holewinski

WHEREAS, Michael Holewinski was born April 30, 1947, and passed away June 19, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holewinski was a graduate of Lane Tech High School, the University of Illinois at Chicago, and The John Marshall Law School; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, Mr. Holewinski, at the age of 26, took on a Democratic machine-backed candidate for State Representative on the Northwest Side and won, serving two terms in the Illinois General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holewinski served as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1972 and 1980; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holewinski, a leading voice for governmental reform and progressive politics, coordinated Mayor Harold Washington's successful campaign on the Northwest Side; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holewinski joined the Washington administration during the Mayor's first week in office, overseeing 16 City departments, and serving as Mayor Washington's point person on several of his most progressive policy initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holewinski played a pivotal role in the appointment of two police superintendents, coordinated Mayor Washington's successful passage of an ethic ordinance, and handled efforts to reform Chicago's taxi industry; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holewinski stayed on with the administration of Mayor Eugene Sawyer until January 1988; and

WHEREAS, after leaving the Mayor's Office, Mr. Holewinski took over his father's metal plating business, Ace Plating Company, doubling the company's workforce and quadrupling its annual revenue; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holewinski expanded his business, acquiring Acme Spinning Company, F&S Stamping, Cano Tool, Art Specialty, and Barnes Plating; and

WHEREAS, while running his businesses and preserving manufacturing jobs in Chicago, Mr. Holewinski continued his public service, serving two terms as Vice Chairman of the Illinois Gaming Commission under Gov. Patrick Quinn; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holewinski was a ceaseless advocate for the manufacturing industry as Chairman of the Illinois Manufacturers Association, where he championed the benefits of keeping small manufacturers in Illinois and argued for common sense immigration reform, among other issues; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holewinski was married to his high school sweetheart, Mary, and the couple raised two children: Jeffery, who worked alongside his father in the family business, and Annie, who proceeded Mr. Holewinski in passing; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here in assembly on July 26, 2017, do hereby express sincere thankfulness for Mr. Holewinski's lifetime of contributions to our City, both as a business owner and a public servant, and offer our heartfelt condolences to his family on his passing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Mr. Holewinski's family as a token of our gratitude.