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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Honorable Robert Shaw has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 83; and

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

WHEREAS, Robert is survived by his three children, extended family, and friends; and

WHEREAS, Robert was born on July 31, 1937 in Hope, Arkansas and in 1952, Robert's family re-located to Chicago, Illinois where they settled on the West Side; and

WHEREAS, Robert studied Liberal Arts at Kennedy-King College; and

WHEREAS, Robert and his identical twin brother William Shaw learned politics from working in the 24th Ward Regular Democratic organization eventually serving as a precinct captain; and

WHEREAS, In 1969, Robert moved to the South Side of Chicago, settling in the Roseland neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, From 1975 through 1978, Robert was employed as an affirmative action and workers compensation executive with the Illinois Department of Labor; and

WHEREAS, Robert was elected to the Chicago City Council in 1979 to the 9th Ward and rose to prominence as an ally of Mayor Jane Byrne; and

WHEREAS, Robert lost reelection in 1983, but was re-elected in 1987 serving until 1998; and

WHEREAS, Prior to his second aldermanic re-election, Robert lobbied for legislation for Black History to be taught in public schools; and

WHEREAS, In 1998, Robert was elected to the Cook County Board of Review and served until 2004; and

WHEREAS, In 2006, Robert was appointed as the Inspector General of Dolton, Illinois serving until 2009; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, Honorable Robert Shaw 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 Fourteenth day of September, 2021, do hereby commemorate Honorable Robert Shaw for his grace-filled life and do hereby express our condolence to his family; and

Alderman, 14th Ward

BE It FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Honorable Robert Shaw.