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SALUTE TO EDWIN J. "SKI" KORCZYNSKI

WHEREAS, Edwin J. "SKI" Korczynski is an outstanding citizen and member of his community; and

WHEREAS, Edwin Korczynski is Chicago born and bred and is proud of his Polish ancestry. He graduated from Henry D. Lloyd Elementary School, Lane Technical High School and earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Northern Illinois University at DeKalb. He also earned a Bachelor of Aviation Management from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale; and

WHEREAS, Edwin Korczynski enlisted in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War, serving in the 39th Officers Candidate Class of 1965 and stationed at Quantico, Virginia. He subsequently became a Commercial Airline Pilot and Flight Engineer flying for Eastern Airline, Midway Airlines, Tower Air, and America West Airlines, logging more than 16,000 hours and completing more than 20 world circles; and

WHEREAS, During the Desert Shield/Desert Storm military operation, Edwin Korczynski participated in the Civil Reserve Air Fleet (CRAF) / Military Airlift Command (MAC) operation, where civilian airliners were used for lift capability. Volunteering as a CRAF / MAC Pilot, Korczynski transported marines, medical battalions and supplies vital to the Kuwaiti liberation effort and was awarded the Civilian Desert Shield / Desert Storm Medal for distinguished service the Department of Defense on April 15, 1993; and

WHEREAS, Edwin J. "SKI" Korczynski's civilian volunteerism is well documented, well recognized and well known. His countless hours of service as a Disaster Assistant Team member earned him five "Special Recognition" Awards presented to him by the American Red Cross. He sponsored the formation of the Colonel Thomas Day Memorial Explorer Post #777, of the Boy/Explorer Scouts of America. As a volunteer serving in the Pilot Corps as Vice Chairman of Flight Security / Aircraft Rescue and Fire, Korczynski garnered an appointment as active committee member of Aviation Rule Making Committee #62527 for the rewrite of a Federal Aviation Rule (Airport Security); and

WHEREAS, Edwin J. "SKI" Korczynski's community volunteerism is best exhibited in his successful 15 year stint as precinct captain for the 33rd Ward Regular Democratic Organization. However, he is proudest of his devotion and love of family, especially of his wife, Diane M., and his five beautiful daughters, Ediane M., Kimberly A., Elizabeth A., Bethany A., and Megan M. Korczynski; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Richard F. Mell, Alderman of the 33rd Ward, has apprised this august body of the meritorious life of this upstanding citizen; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, gathered together this 13th Day of April, 2011 AD, do hereby salute Edwin J. "SKI" Korczynski for his patriotism and devotion to duty and extend our heartfelt thanks for his multitudinous civic contributions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Edwin J. "SKI" Korczynski.

-RICHARD F. MELL Alderman - 33rd Ward