

A resolution

adopted by *The City Council*
of the *City of Chicago, Illinois*



Presented by Alderman Edward M. Burke on September 10, 2014

Whereas, James Richard "Jim" Hoel has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of 92; and

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

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Evanston, James Richard "Jim" Hoel was the loving husband for 68 years of the late Jean; and

WHEREAS, James Richard "Jim" Hoel was the much-adored father of Rick, Gil and Kim, the grandfather of six and the great-grandfather of five to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities that he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, James Richard "Jim" Hoel enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and was trained to serve as a navigator and bombardier on a B-26 Marauder; and

WHEREAS, On May 17, 1943, James Richard "Jim" Hoel's plane was shot down over Holland on the way to its first bombing mission; and

WHEREAS, James Richard "Jim" Hoel was captured by German troops and spent the next two years in Stalag Luft III, the prisoner of war camp made famous by the film, "The Great Escape"; and

WHEREAS, Following the war, James Richard "Jim" Hoel graduated from Colgate University and pursued a career in advertising sales with the *Chicago Tribune* and *WMAQ*; and

WHEREAS, James Richard "Jim" Hoel later worked for Baird & Warner as a Vice President and Manager of its real estate office in Evanston until 2002; and