

## RESOLUTION

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COUNTY OF LAKE

WHEREAS, John DeGroot served with the 23<sup>rd</sup> Military Police Company in Vietnam, and

WHEREAS, John DeGroot returned to Chicago and civilian life as a printer – lithographer, married his wife Janice, raised three sons in Mount Prospect --- and renewed his love of Chicago Bears' football, and

WHEREAS, John DeGroot departed before Memorial Day 2006 for a short tour and he had hoped to return for the 1<sup>st</sup> game of the 2006 Chicago Bears at Soldier Field, and

WHEREAS, John DeGroot will return from overseas duty in the Mideast with the US Air Force Reserve in September, and

WHEREAS, John DeGroot has been a season ticket-holder for decades, and

WHEREAS, John DeGroot loves the colors orange and blue, and

WHEREAS, John DeGroot had hoped to return in time for the Cardinals game, but duty obligations kept him overseas for a bit more time, and

WHEREAS, the National Football League and the Chicago Bears started on September 17, 1920,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chicago Bears adopt this resolution to hold John DeGroot in high esteem on the 17th day of September, 2006.

Patrick McCaskey