



# City of Chicago



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**Meeting Date:**

6/26/2013

**Sponsor(s):**

Burke, Edward M. (14)  
Reilly, Brendan (42)

**Type:**

Resolution

**Title:**

Recognition extended to Cornell Wrightington for decisive  
and heroic action

**Committee(s) Assignment:**

***Resolution***

***WHEREAS***, The heroic actions of Cornell Wrightington thwarted a rape attempt in the Gold Coast neighborhood during the early morning hours on June 23, 2013; and

***WHEREAS***, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this event by Aldermen Edward M. Burke and Brendan Reilly; and

***WHEREAS***, Cornell Wrightington was working the overnight shift as a doorman at a condo building at 30 West Oak Street when he noticed a young woman proceed past his building while talking on her cellphone; and

***WHEREAS***, Cornell Wrightington then saw a man cross the street and begin to follow the woman from a distance; and

***WHEREAS***, When the woman cut through a nearby alley the man pursued her; and

***WHEREAS***, Cornell Wrightington, fearing for the safety of the woman immediately ran from his post inside the condo building and rushed to the alley; and

***WHEREAS***, Upon arrival Cornell Wrightington discovered the man had thrown the woman to the ground, jumped on top of her and was attempting to assault the victim; and

***WHEREAS***, When Cornell Wrightington ordered the man to release the woman, the attacker fled north on Maple Street; and

***WHEREAS***, Cornell Wrightington offered the woman assistance and walked her to the condo lobby where he alerted authorities by calling 911; and

***WHEREAS***, The Chicago Police Department suspects that the attacker is also responsible for assaulting another woman on June 17 two blocks away from the condo building; and

***WHEREAS***, If not for the alertness and speedy intervention of Cornell Wrightington the woman would not have been saved from this attack; now, therefore

***BE IT RESOLVED***, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this twenty-sixth day of June, 2013, do hereby recognize Cornell Wrightington for his decisive and heroic intervention; and

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Cornell Wrightington.

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Alderman – 14<sup>th</sup> Ward

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Alderman \_\_\_ 42<sup>nd</sup> Ward