

WHEREAS, the firefighters began to drink polluted water from a 2,000,000 gallon reservoir that was not normally used for drinking; and

WHEREAS, seventy firefighters would become very ill, many of whom contracted typhoid fever; and

WHEREAS, firefighter Thomas F. Garry fought the Union Stock Yards fire as a member of Engine 88; and

WHEREAS, firefighter Garry entered the Chicago Fire Department on November 19, 1917; and

WHEREAS, firefighter Garry died from typhoid on October 25, 1934 at the age of 45, five months after drinking the polluted water at the Stock Yards; and

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WHEREAS, firefighter Garry was widowed at the time of his death and left behind five children; and

WHEREAS, firefighter Garry's grandson is James T. Joyce, who served as the Commissioner of the Chicago Fire Department from 1999 until his retirement in 2004, following 34 years of service to the residents of Chicago as a member of the Chicago Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, firefighter Robert J. Klasek fought the Union Stock Yards fire as a member of Truck 8; and

WHEREAS, firefighter Klasek entered the Chicago Fire Department on April 27, 1928; and

WHEREAS, firefighter Klasek died from typhoid on December 6, 1934, seven months after drinking the polluted water at the Stock Yards; and

WHEREAS, firefighter Garry and Firefighter Klasek are not included among the 558 members of the Chicago Fire Department who made the ultimate sacrifice; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

Alderman, 14th Ward

That the Commissioner of the Chicago Fire Department is hereby ordered to recognize the deaths of Firefighter Thomas F. Garry and Firefighter Robert J. Klasek as line of duty deaths attributed to their service in combating the Union Stock Yards Fire of May 19, 1934 and to honor their sacrifices with all appropriate tributes and commemorations.

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