



# City of Chicago



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**Meeting Date:** 11/9/2016

**Sponsor(s):** Burke (14)

**Type:** Resolution

**Title:** Recognition extended to Breg Hughes on his military service in the U.S. Army

**Committee(s) Assignment:**

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS,** Breg Hughes served his country with valor and great distinction as an infantryman in the United States Army, then later as a member of the elite United States Army Special Forces, more commonly known as the Green Berets; and

**WHEREAS,** Breg Hughes served as a Special Forces commander through three combat deployments totaling thirty-one months; and

**WHEREAS,,** Breg Hughes served two combat deployments in Iraq and the other in Afghanistan as a Company Executive Officer and Detachment Commander in Afghanistan; and

**WHEREAS,** Breg Hughes suffered injuries from a mortar attack during his first combat deployment to the Al Anbar Province, Iraq in January 2006; and

**WHEREAS,** Breg Hughes was awarded his first Purple Heart for injuries sustained in this action; and

**WHEREAS,** Breg Hughes returned to the United States in February 2007 before deployment to Sadr City, Baghdad, in April 2008; and

**WHEREAS,** Breg Hughes' final deployment was to Afghanistan in January of 2012; and

**WHEREAS,** While deployed in Afghanistan on May 29, 2012 and just five days away from his scheduled return home, Breg Hughes' Humvee was struck by a roadside bomb containing a fifty gallon drum of accelerant (fuel); and

**WHEREAS,** The deadly blast killed one person and injured five others; and

**WHEREAS,** Severely injured, Breg Hughes and his team extinguished the fire, and

**WHEREAS,** Breg Hughes sustained third-degree burns over fifty per cent of his body with inhalation injuries; and

**WHEREAS,** While Allison Hughes was giving birth to the couple's second son Gavin back home, Breg Hughes was being airlifted to The United States Army Institute of Surgical Research Burn Center in San Antonio, Texas; and

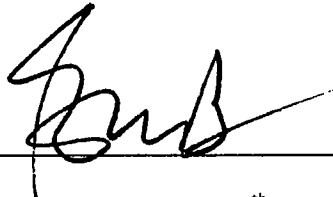
**WHEREAS,** Breg Hughes required ten skin grafts and another six operations during a four month hospitalization that included two months in the intensive care unit; and

**WHEREAS,** Following her release from the hospital. Allison Hughes, also a veteran of Iraq conflict, reunited with her husband in San Antonio, Texas. She cared for Breg Hughes through his extensive recovery; and

**WHEREAS,** Breg Hughes is exceedingly worthy of our highest admiration and esteem; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this ninth day of November, 2016 do hereby express our sincere appreciation to Breg Hughes for his military service; and

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



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Breg Hughes', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Alderman – 14<sup>th</sup> Ward