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Title:	Tribute to late Officer Samuel Jimenez
Committee(s) Assignment:	

WHEREAS, on the afternoon of November 19, 2018, a shooting carried out by a lone gunman occurred at Mercy Hospital & Medical Center in Chicago's Bronzeville community claiming the lives of Chicago Police Officer Samuel Jimenez of the 2nd District (Wentworth Avenue), emergency room physician, Dr. Tamara O'Neal and pharmacy resident Dayna Less; and

WHEREAS, the tragic death of Officer Samuel Jimenez marks the second time a respected and honored member of the Chicago Police Department has fallen in the line of duty in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago City Council has been informed of this tragic event by Alderman Edward M. Burke and Alderman Patrick Thompson; and

WHEREAS, while on a mail run to the post office with his partner, Officer Armando Zambrano, Officer Samuel Jimenez, a loving husband, the father of three young children and a respected friend and colleague instilled with a passion to serve the public, responded to a radio report of an active shooter engaged in a verbal altercation that turned violent outside the hospital shortly after 3:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, with little regard for their own personal safety Officer Samuel Jimenez and Officer Armando Zambrano chased the gunman into the hospital lobby where shots were exchanged; and

WHEREAS, the personal bravery exhibited by Officer Samuel Jimenez and the responding officers from the SWAT Team prevented a possible shooting rampage that would likely resulted in the death and injury to scores of patients, visitors and hospital personnel; and

WHEREAS, Officer Samuel Jimenez graduated Foreman High School and Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago before beginning his career in public service as a civilian detention aide assigned to Chicago Police Department lockups; and

WHEREAS, Officer Samuel Jimenez, praised for his personal drive and dedication, graduated the six-month police department training period and was assigned to the Town Hall District in February 2017 before being posted to the 2nd District; and

WHEREAS, Officer Samuel Jimenez had recently completed his thirteen-month probationary period and in less than two years had earned two departmental honorable mentions; and

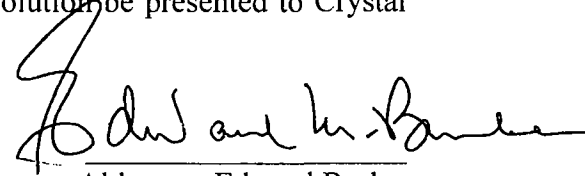
WHEREAS, married to his high school sweetheart Crystal Garcia in December 2017 and residing in the Edison Park community on the far Northwest Side, Officer Samuel Jimenez, a deeply devoted family man, looked forward to celebrating his first wedding anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Chicago Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson, echoing the sorrow shared by the Citizens of Chicago observed: "Sam wasn't the kind of cop who did this job to get recognition. He did this job with sincerity, professionalism, and, as we have all learned, profound courage and selflessness" now, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this twelfth day of December, 2018 do hereby express our prayers and profound sorrow to Crystal Jimenez, their children Ebony, Angelina, and Julian and members of the extended Jimenez family on the tragic loss of a husband, a father, and a heroic and honored public servant who has been called home to God; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Crystal Jimenez.

Alderman Patrick Thompson
Alderman – 11th Ward

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward Burke", written over a horizontal line.

Alderman Edward Burke
Alderman – 14th Ward