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Title: Congratulations extended to Sergeant Joseph M. Maraffino.

Committee(s) Assignment:

A Resolution

Adopted by *The City Council*
of the *City of Chicago, Illinois*

WHEREAS, We in this city of immigrants, this city of neighborhoods, this most American of all cities are particularly cognizant of the "American Dream"; and

WHEREAS, Of the myriad available career paths toward fulfillment of that dream, there are but a few through which faithful execution of responsibilities offers assurance that those who choose other paths will in fact have a legitimate opportunity to achieve their portion of the Dream; and

WHEREAS, Though seemingly fixed and inviolable, the complex social fabric of our great metropolis could be easily torn asunder were it not for the guardians of the public welfare, indeed, the guardians of the "American Dream"; and

WHEREAS, Dedication to the fulfillment of the motto of the Chicago Police Department-"We Serve and Protect"-exacts a substantial physical and emotional toll not only on the officers who must daily cope with the stress and danger of being life's arbiters for countless citizens, but also on the family members who live with the very real knowledge that their husband or father may never return from any give workday; and

WHEREAS, Through professionalism and sacrifice, the members of the Chicago Police Department have provided us with one of the safest cities in the United States of America, allowing each of us to pursue our own version of the "American Dream" in safety and confidence; and

WHEREAS, The words of Sir Winston Churchill, "never have so many owed so much to so few" were never more apropos; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Joseph M. Maraffino, Star Number 2563, devoted thirty-two years of his life in service to the people of Chicago and in doing has personally ensured that the City of Chicago is the safe, healthy, vibrant community it is today; now, therefore,


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BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago in council meeting January 17, 2013, that on behalf of all the citizens of the City of Chicago we do hereby express our appreciation and heartfelt thanks to Sergeant Joseph M. Maraffino and his family for the dedication, professionalism and personal sacrifice proved throughout the past years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of the resolution be prepared and presented to Sergeant Joseph M. Maraffino.



Matthew J. O'Shea
Alderman, 19th Ward

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