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<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

## **SALUTE TO CHICAGO POLICE SERGEANT KEVIN SELLERS**

WHEREAS, On Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at approximately 2: 20 pm, Sergeant Kevin Sellers was walking out of his house to go to work. He observed a black, four door Pontiac Grand Prix with tinted windows drive west bound on West 61<sup>st</sup> Street and stop abruptly at South Mulligan Avenue. Shortly thereafter, a newer model dark colored SUV traveling in the same direction pulled up behind the Pontiac. He continued to observe the vehicle while the Pontiac turned south bound on South Mulligan Avenue while the dark SUV pulled slowly through the intersection. Sergeant Sellers was in the parkway next to his vehicle when he heard several loud pops. He looked up and saw an individual wearing all black clothing with a face-covering sitting outside the passenger side window firing north bound which was the direction of the other vehicle. Sergeant Sellers took cover; and

WHEREAS, The dark SUV drove west bound and the Pontiac continued southbound. Sergeant Sellers entered his vehicle and radioed an emergency over the Zone 6 channel. Sergeant Sellers began to follow the vehicle east bound through traffic on West 63<sup>rd</sup> Street while continuing to radio the details to the dispatcher. Updates continued while Sergeant Sellers kept the vehicle in view from a safe distance. Additional units observed the vehicle at West 67<sup>th</sup> Street and South Cicero Avenue; and

WHEREAS, The Pontiac turned north bound and eventually traveled back to the Clearing/Garfield Ridge Neighborhood. The Pontiac subsequently struck a parked car near West 63<sup>rd</sup> Street and South Mason Avenue as it tried to drive through the bike lane. Five offenders fled on foot from the vehicle while officers from the 861 Team and Beat 813 gave chase on foot. During this time, officers from the SDSC room monitored the ShotSpotter alerts and PODS in the area. Those officers were able to relay additional information during the foot pursuit. Assist units from Summit and Bedford Park arrived to assist; and

This occurred before dismissal time for two local schools, which were placed on lockdown. Sergeant Sellers stayed with the vehicle during the foot pursuit and observed two handguns in plain view inside the vehicle and one laying in front of the vehicle. After several short foot pursuits, officers from Beat 813 and Team 861 were able to place four offenders in custody and recover one additional weapon. One additional weapon was recovered outside the passenger side of the Pontiac. One offender made good his escape. In total, four offenders were placed into custody and five handguns were recovered. Shell casings for a .40 caliber and .380 caliber were recovered at the original scene; and

WHEREAS, Members of the 861 Team continued the investigation and processed the arrests. They were able to secure approval for felony weapons charges on all four offenders. The investigation also revealed that the offenders committed an aggravated carjacking in Stickney just before these events. Two offenders had previous serviceable warrants while one offender had been released in 2018 for an aggravated discharge of a firearm; and

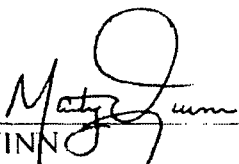
WHEREAS, The following officers were also instrumental in the pursuit and arrest: Officer Charles White #6422 Bt. 861A, Officer Conor Sheridan #18953 Bt. 861A, Officer Michael Botica #8783 Bt. 861A, Officer Nicolas Morales Jr. #2719 Bt. 861B, Officer Brayan Jauregui #4894 Bt. 861B, Officer Daniel Collins #5869 Bt. 861E, Officer Roger Ferreira #7645 Bt. 861E, Officer Shane Richardson #18421 Bt. 813, Officer Raul Rosales Jr. #9654 Bt. 813, Officer Martin Robin #15821 Bt. 802S, and Officer Robert White # 8068 Bt. 802S; and

WHEREAS, The events of November 17<sup>th</sup> were not unique. The men and women of the Chicago Police Department disregard their own safety on a daily basis for the safety and well-being of the residents of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Marty Quinn, Alderman of the 13th Ward, has apprised this august body of Chicago Police Sergeant Kevin Sellers' courage and dedication to the Clearing/Garfield Ridge Neighborhood; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED. That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, assembled here this 15th Day of December, 2021, do hereby salute Chicago Police Sergeant Kevin Sellers and the other officers involved on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Sergeant Kevin Seller.

  
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MARTY QUINN  
Alderman - 13th Ward