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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL  
MAYOR

May 9, 2012

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith a congratulatory resolution concerning the Chicago Police Department.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Mayor

# A resolution

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



Presented by MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL on MAY 9, 2012

**Whereas**, It is all too easy to take for granted the exceptional service and dedication of the members of the Chicago Department of Police, and to forget the grave danger they willingly embrace on our behalf every day; and

**WHEREAS**, On the night of Monday, March 19, 2012, Officer Del W. Pearson of the Chicago Police Department's 4<sup>th</sup> District Tactical Team, was working in the 8400 block of South Kingston Avenue along with other officers; when they attempted to stop to question four alleged curfew violators, one of whom took off running into an alley. After Officer Pearson gave chase, the man suddenly turned and opened fire on Office Pearson; and

**WHEREAS**, Two bullets struck Officer Pearson, with one lodging in his bulletproof vest and the other hitting him in the upper chest and boring into his body, severing a major artery before it finally lodged near his spine; and

**WHEREAS**, After Officer Pearson's fellow team members noticed his critical condition and tremendous loss of blood, two of his fellow officers, showing initiative and quick thinking, decided they could not wait for an ambulance and, as Officer Pearson tenaciously clung to life and hope, drove him in a squad car to a nearby hospital; and

**WHEREAS**, By the time he arrived at the hospital, it was clear to the medical staff that Officer Pearson was bleeding to death, having lost three-fourths of his blood, and they immediately began lifesaving procedures, including surgery and blood transfusions; and

**WHEREAS**, At the same time Officer Pearson was being rushed to the hospital, fellow officers converged at the scene of the shooting, and after conducting an extensive manhunt, they arrested, without any further incident, the alleged gunman, who is currently charged with attempted first degree murder of a police officer; and

**WHEREAS**, While Officer Pearson was in the hospital, Superintendent Garry F. McCarthy presented him with new active duty star #6254, the star number worn by Officer's Pearson's deceased father, Delphys W. Pearson Jr., a 29-year veteran of the Chicago Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, After a week of medical treatment in Advocate Christ Medical Center, Officer Pearson, wearing his father's star number on his arm, left the facility in a wheelchair pushed by his wife, Christine, to continue his recuperation, to the salutes of more than two-dozen fellow officers and Superintendent McCarthy, and he is expected to make a complete recovery; and

**WHEREAS**, During his eight-year career, Officer Pearson, 47, has been recognized with more than 100 awards, commendations and honorable mentions, including the Superintendent's Award of Valor; and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Pearson's courageous and determined recovery is a source of inspiration and pride to all Chicagoans; and

**WHEREAS**, The grievous wounding of Officer Pearson serves as a sobering reminder to all Chicagoans of the gratitude and appreciation we should have for our men and women in blue; and

**WHEREAS**, On February 8, 2012, Mayor Rahm Emanuel declared May 6-12, 2012, as National Police Week in Chicago to recognize and honor the service and sacrifice of law enforcement officers. It is especially appropriate that we honor Officer Pearson during this week, when we remember law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line-of-duty, and recognize the vital role the men and women of the Chicago Police Department play in the protection of our communities; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this ninth day of May, 2012, do hereby extend our gratitude to Officer Del W. Pearson for his selfless heroism and bravery, and express our hope for his rapid and complete recovery; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Officer Del W. Pearson, and placed on permanent record in his personnel file, as a sign of our good wishes.



*Ral Emanuel*

MAYOR

*Susana A. Mendez*

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