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### SALUTE TO HERO BEN GROEPER

WHEREAS, On the evening of August 13, 2011, a man, apparently exhausted from working two jobs, fell on the tracks in the CTA Blue Line subway station at Clark and Lake Streets; and

WHEREAS, 17 year old Ben Groeper, a Senior Patrol Leader for Boy Scout Troop 116, along with his sister Krysta and approximately 40 others, who were waiting for a train, witnessed the incident; and

WHEREAS, Mindful of the Boy Scout motto "Be Prepared", Ben Groeper observed the lights of an oncoming train and he was prepared to get the unconscious man off the tracks. A 6-foot-tall lacrosse and baseball player, the boy jumped down to the tracks, lifted the man and, with the help of the stunned passengers on the platform, managed to pull the man to safety, jumping back up onto the platform just before the train arrived at the station; and

WHEREAS, Ben Groeper's actions that August Saturday fulfill the classic definition of an heroic act. With little thought for his own safety, he called upon his scout training and was able to swiftly and effectively effect a rescue thereby preventing what would have most certainly been a fatality. Although the bystanders on the platform did the proper thing by staying on the platform and calling 9-1-1, Boy Scout Ben Groeper did the right thing and saved a life; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable John Arena, Alderman of the 45th Ward, has apprised this august body of this hero's noteworthy actions; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, gathered together this 5th Day of October, 2011 AD, do hereby salute the hero Boy Scout Ben Groeper and express our extreme gratitude for this young boy's selfless act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Ben Groeper.



JOHN ARENA  
Alderman - 45th Ward

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