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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL  
MAYOR

March 16, 2016

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith a congratulatory resolution regarding the Chicago Fire Department.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rahm Emanuel".

Mayor



# A resolution

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



Presented by MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL on MARCH 16, 2016

**Whereas**, Near midnight on May 21, 2015, Paramedic Wendell Perkins-Smoot of the Chicago Fire Department, while off-duty, came upon a horrific accident on the Dan Ryan Expressway; and

**WHEREAS**, The victim in the accident had been thrown approximately 100 feet from his motorcycle and suffered injuries to his head, hip, and thigh; and

**WHEREAS**, Paramedic Perkins-Smoot immediately reacted, positioning his personal vehicle to block the victim from further injury from the high-speed traffic; and

**WHEREAS**, Ignoring the significant risk, Paramedic Perkins-Smoot put himself in harm's way by getting out of his vehicle and onto the expressway to render medical treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, Paramedic Perkins-Smoot immobilized the victim to prevent any further injury and to protect his head and spine, and also worked to control his profuse bleeding; and

**WHEREAS**, Engine Company 54 and Ambulance 24 soon arrived to care for the victim, and Paramedic Perkins-Smoot continued to assist in the man's care until he was on the way to the hospital; and

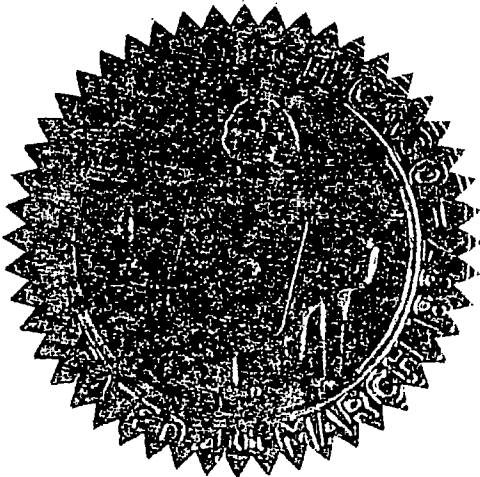
**WHEREAS**, Had it not been for the courage and quick action of Paramedic Perkins-Smoot, the victim would likely have suffered further grievous injury or death; and

**WHEREAS**, We applaud Paramedic Perkins-Smoot for his extraordinary display of professionalism and lifesaving intervention; and

**WHEREAS**, Paramedic Perkins-Smoot was a candidate at the time of this incident, having been a Chicago paramedic for only nine months, and since then has successfully completed his training. His courage, bravery and dedication exemplify the professionalism of the Chicago Fire Department; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this sixteenth day of March, 2016, do hereby commend Paramedic Wendell Perkins-Smoot for his professionalism, dedication, and selfless efforts on behalf of the citizenry of Chicago; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Paramedic Wendell Perkins-Smoot of the Chicago Fire Department, and placed on permanent record in his personnel file, as a token of our appreciation and esteem.



*Ral Emanuel*  
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MAYOR

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