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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, On January 4, 2012, Chicago firefighter Billy Miller performed a selfless act of heroism when he rescued a fisherman who struggled to stay afloat in Lake Michigan; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this act by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

WHEREAS, While fishing off the dock at Chicago's Diversey Harbor, Joliet native Chuck Wahtola's chair collapsed, plunging him into the frigid waters of Lake Michigan; and

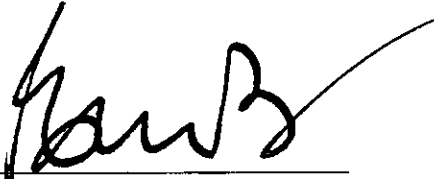
WHEREAS, Billy Miller, a member of the Chicago Fire Department, came immediately to Wahtola's aid, keeping him afloat with one hand while using the other hand to dial his fire station, Engine Company 42 at Illinois and Dearborn; and

WHEREAS, Within fifteen minutes, Billy Miller's fellow firefighters arrived and pulled Chuck Wahtola from the water before he could sustain serious injury; and

WHEREAS, Chuck Wahtola, a retired engineer, credits Billy Miller with saving his life; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this eighteenth day of January, 2012, do hereby express our appreciation to firefighter Billy Miller for putting his own safety at risk to save the life of another; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Billy Miller.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'GawB', written over a horizontal line.

Alderman - 14th Ward