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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, we, in this city of immigrants, this city of neighborhoods, this most American of all cities are particularly cognizant of the "American Dream"; and,

WHEREAS, of the myriad available career paths toward fulfillment of that dream, there are but a few through which faithful execution of responsibilities offers simultaneous assurance that those who choose other paths will in fact have a legitimate opportunity to achieve their portion of the Dream; and,

WHEREAS, through seemingly fixed and inviolable, the complex social fabric of our great metropolis could be easily torn asunder were it not for the guardians of the public welfare, indeed, the guardians of the "American Dream"; and,

WHEREAS, dedication to and fulfillment of the motto of the Chicago Police Department – "We Serve and Protect" – exacts a substantial physical and emotional toll not only on the officers who must daily cope with the stress and danger of being life's arbiter for countless citizens, but also on the family members who live with the very real knowledge that their husband or father may never return from any given workday; and,

WHEREAS, through professionalism and sacrifice, the members of the Chicago Police Department have provided us with one of the safest cities in the United States of America, allowing each of us to pursue our own version of the "American Dream" in safety and confidence; and,

WHEREAS, the words of Sir Winston Churchill, "never have so many owed so much to so few" were never more apropos; and,

WHEREAS, Sergeant Lawrence J. Aikin, Star Number 1020, devoted 39 years of his life in service to the people of Chicago and in so doing has personally ensured that the City of Chicago is the safe, healthy, vibrant community it is today. Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, in meeting assembled this 13th day of January, 2011 that on behalf of all the citizens of the City of Chicago we do hereby express our appreciation and heartfelt thanks to Sergeant Lawrence J. Aikin and his family for the dedication, professionalism and personal sacrifice provided throughout the past 39 years.



Virginia A. Rugai
Alderman, 19th Ward

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