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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

July 28, 2011

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

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

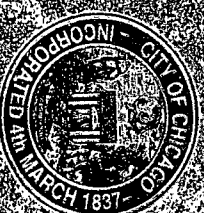
Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Mayor

A Resolution

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



MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL

JULY 28, 2011

Presented by

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Whereas On Friday, June 17, 2011, several companies from the Chicago Fire Department's 4th District responded to a call for help at a fire on the 4900 block of West Concord Place; and

WHEREAS The first arriving crews from Engine 117 and Tower Ladder 114 saw a bungalow rapidly being consumed by fire with thick smoke issuing from the attic windows; and

WHEREAS Firefighter Kevin Cosey and Firefighter/EMT Eric Davis raised their aerial ladder to the roof to provide for the necessary release of superheated gases and smoke to allow for the safe entry by firefighters below. At the same time, Firefighter/EMT Jesse Warfield and others placed ground ladders at the second floor windows for ventilation and emergency rescue. Firefighter Andrew Goecke made the necessary hydrant connections and loaded medical supplies; and

WHEREAS Captain James Rice and Firefighter David Meyer had just finished placing a hoseline to attack the fire raging inside the building and to prevent it from spreading to nearby buildings when there appeared a woman in flames chaired by soot and burns, screaming that a man was still trapped inside the building; and

WHEREAS The woman was in such a state of panic that she tried to re-enter the building, so Engineer Paul Strubbe gently restrained her and brought her to receive medical attention; and

WHEREAS Captain Rice and Firefighter Meyer alerted the search and rescue teams about the trapped man, then plunged through the front door into an inferno of incredible heat and impenetrable smoke; and

WHEREAS As the companies battled to get the fire under control, Firefighter Jason Risley and Acting Lieutenant/Paramedic Carlos Hernandez were able to get further into the building to search for the trapped man. In a short time, Firefighter Risley located the unconscious victim on the floor; and

WHEREAS Firefighter Risley called out for assistance and aided by Acting Lieutenant/Paramedic Hernandez, Firefighter Warfield, Firefighter Joseph Barton and Firefighter Joseph Martin, pulled the unconscious man out to safety; and

WHEREAS Fire personnel immediately began CPR and emergency medical procedures to resuscitate the man who had ceased to breathe and was in cardiac arrest; and

WHEREAS Ambulance personnel soon took over patient care, and thanks to their intense efforts, the victim resumed breathing, and his pulse was restored prior to his arrival at the hospital; and

WHEREAS Each Fire Department responder at the scene that day played a vital role in the rescue, and thanks to their bravery, quick thinking and effective coordinated action a man's life was saved; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twenty-eighth day of July, 2011, do hereby honor Captain James Rice, Firefighter David Meyer, Firefighter Joseph Barton, Firefighter Joseph Martin, Firefighter Andrew Goecke, and Engineer Paul Strubbe from Engine 117, and Firefighter Kevin Casey, Firefighter/EMT Eric Davis, Firefighter Jesse Warfield, Firefighter Jason Risley, and Acting Lieutenant/Paramedic Carlos Hernandez from Tower Ladder 14 for their essential roles in this valiant rescue; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to these members of the Chicago Fire Department, and placed on permanent record in their personnel files, as a token of our appreciation and esteem.



Ral R. Emanuel

MAYOR

Susanna A. Mendez

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