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Gratitude extended to Dennis Boyd for lifesaving actions

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## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** On March 21, 2016, at approximately 2:20 am, P.O. Stephen Boyd returned home from studying for the CPD Detective's exam at the North Avenue/Wells 24-hour Starbucks. As he pulled in front of his residence, he noticed a young male wearing a black hoodie walking down the sidewalk to his right; and,

**WHEREAS,** Feeling that something was wrong, Boyd attempted to start his car and drive away, but the individual ran up to his driver's side window and pointed a semi-automatic pistol with an extended magazine at him. The offender ordered him to open his passenger door, leaned into the vehicle and pressed the weapon against the officer's right temple, forcing his head down into the driver's side window. The offender demanded Boyd's wallet and cell phone, in which he complied; and,

**WHEREAS,** The offender then ordered Boyd to stay in the car as he ran up the front steps of the officer's home. At this time, Boyd heard a knock at the car window and saw a second armed offender, reminding him of his range instructor's training, "When there is one offender, there is two;" and,

**WHEREAS,** As Boyd sat with offender #2 outside his car window, he plotted his next move. In an attempt to distract the robber, Boyd, who is not married, stated that his wife and kids were inside the home and probably wondering what was transpiring. Offender #2 looked around and then forced Boyd to his knees at the front of his vehicle. He then began to stomp on the officer and Boyd rolled over onto his side to conceal the fact that he was armed. He returned to his knees and put his hands on the hood of his car; and,

**WHEREAS,** Without warning, offender #1 returned to the scene and screamed "shoot him right now!" Officer Boyd had no choice but to spring to his feet and move out of the line of fire. He heard a shot and reached for his service weapon while yelling "Police." A gunfight ensued as the offenders fled, and Officer Boyd saw one go down, offender #2 had been hit. They disappeared into a nearby yard; and,

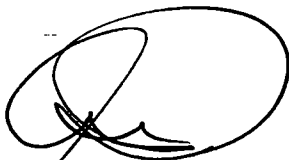
**WHEREAS,** At this time, Officer Boyd realized he had been shot in the right leg. He called out, "policeman shot, I need help" numerous times, but nobody came to his aid. Feeling dizzy and weak, he forced himself to climb the stairs to his home. He banged on the door until his brother, Dennis, answered and dragged him into the house; and,

**WHEREAS,** Dennis applied a tourniquet to the wounded leg while calling 911. Officer Boyd was rushed to Christ Hospital where he was told that the bullet had perforated his femoral artery. Miraculously, a clot had formed in his leg, undoubtedly from the tourniquet, that prevented him from bleeding out; and,

**WHEREAS,** Dennis Boyd, Steve's fraternal twin brother has worked in the blood lab at Christ Hospital for more than 20 years. He is a certified phlebotomist and has a basic understanding of the human circulatory system. His quick reaction to his brother's injury, by placing a tourniquet on his wounded leg, saved his twin brother's life; and now therefore,

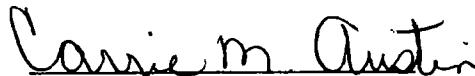
**BE IT RESOLVED,** That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this seventeenth day of January 2018 A.D., do hereby commend Dennis Boyd on his professionalism in saving his brother, Police Officer Stephen Boyd 's life; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Dennis Boyd as a token of our appreciation and esteem.



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