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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

April 19, 2017

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

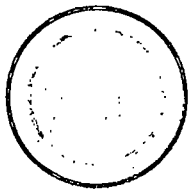
I transmit herewith, together with Aldermen Reboyras, Austin and David Moore, a congratulatory resolution concerning the Chicago Police Department.

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*

Aldermen Ariel Reboyras, Carrie M. Austin,
David Moore, and

Presented by Mayor Rahm Emanuel on April 19, 2017

Whereas, On the evening of June 10, 2016, Detective Donovan Jackson (Star #20958) of the Chicago Police Department and Firefighter Rylenski Strong of the Chicago Fire Department were off-duty and riding jet-skis in Lake Michigan near the 6500 block of South Lake Shore Drive; and

WHEREAS, Detective Jackson, an eighteen-year veteran of the Chicago Police Department, and Firefighter Strong, a sixteen-year veteran of the Chicago Fire Department, have been friends for over 30 years, and both are former high school swimmers and lifeguards; and

WHEREAS, Detective Jackson and Firefighter Strong spotted a capsized boat, with a man sitting on the top, and three people bobbing in the water; and

WHEREAS, Detective Jackson and Firefighter Strong immediately came to their aid, called 911, and learned that a fifth boater was still missing; and

WHEREAS, Detective Jackson and Firefighter Strong quickly located the fifth victim, who was under the boat and able to breathe thanks to an air pocket; and

WHEREAS, Detective Jackson and Firefighter Strong, aware of the cold water temperature, knew the victims were in danger of hypothermia; and

WHEREAS, Detective Jackson and Firefighter Strong, without delay, shuttled the victims ashore, where emergency personnel were waiting; and

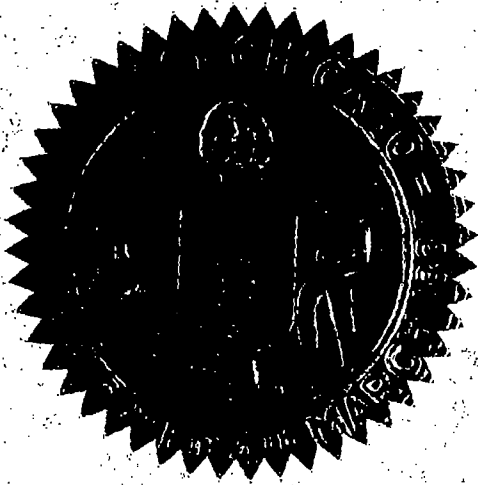
WHEREAS, The victims were treated and released, and suffered no serious injuries; and

WHEREAS, Detective Jackson and Firefighter Strong are to be commended for the courage, bravery, and dedication they displayed in rescuing the five victims of the capsized boat; and

WHEREAS, Detective Jackson and Firefighter Strong represent the highest tradition of service and professionalism for which members of the Chicago Police Department and the Chicago Fire Department are well known; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this nineteenth day of April, 2017, do hereby commend Detective Donovan Jackson and Firefighter Rylenski Strong for their skill and courage in rendering vital assistance to a group of boaters in desperate need; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to Detective Jackson and Firefighter Strong, and placed on permanent record in their personnel files, as a token of our appreciation and esteem.



Ral Emanuel

MAYOR

Andrea M. Valencia

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