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**RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING JAMES M. DANIELS ON
HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, James M. Daniels, esteemed police officer and United States military veteran, is retiring from the Chicago Police Department on July 14, 2020, after 26 years of distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this momentous occasion by the Honorable Matthew J. O'Shea, Alderman of the 19th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Officer Daniels graduated from St. Rita High School in 1985, obtained a fixed wing Pilot License from the University of Illinois Institute of Aviation in 1989, and went on to earn his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice at Lewis University; and

WHEREAS, Officer Daniels honorably served our country in the United States Marine Corps Unit HML-776, where in 1990 he and his unit were called into active duty to fill a gap left by the redeployment forces stationed in Okinawa in connection with Operation Desert Storm; in 1991, Officer Daniels and his unit were assigned to Marine Aircraft Group 36, which went to the Philippines to assist in distributing food, water, and medical supplies to local villages following the devastation caused by the eruption of Mount Pinatubo; and

WHEREAS, After six years of service, Officer Daniels was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps at the rank of Sergeant, proudly carrying with him the saying "once a Marine, always a Marine"; and

WHEREAS, Officer Daniels began his career with the Chicago Police Department on July 5, 1994, working in the Ogden 010th District and Near West 012th District before serving in the Mass Transit Unit until 2002; and

WHEREAS, Since 2002, Officer Daniels has served in the Detached Services Unit 543 for the Office of the Mayor and City Council, providing security and dignitary protection for City elected officials during the administrations of former mayors Richard M. Daley and Rahm Emmanuel, and now under Mayor Lori Lightfoot's administration; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated public servant, Officer Daniels has proven himself to be a valuable asset to the Department, earning the respect of his peers, colleagues, and the public along the way; and

WHEREAS, In retirement, Officer Daniels will be seen managing real estate as a broker and owner of his firm, traveling, boating, fishing, and enjoying a nice Cuban cigar; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this twenty-second day of July, 2020, do hereby congratulate Officer James M. Daniels (Star # 4087) on his retirement, express our heartfelt gratitude for 26 years of exemplary service to the residents of Chicago, and extend to him our best wishes for continued health, happiness, prosperity, and much success in his next chapter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Officer James M. Daniels as a sign of our gratitude and respect.



MATTHEW J. O'SHEA
Alderman, 19th Ward