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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

January 23, 2019

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith, together with Aldermen Reboyras, Burnett, Dowell and Santiago, a congratulatory resolution concerning the Chicago Police 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*



Presented by Aldermen Ariel Reboyras, Pat Dowell, Walter Burnett, Milly Santiago and Mayor Rahm Emanuel on January 23, 2019

Whereas, In early January of this year, Principal Rebecca Parker of Ray Graham Training Center High School was working with a homeless student who was a victim of domestic violence, and therefore afraid to return to where she was living; and

WHEREAS, When her efforts to support the student were exhausted, Principal Parker sought help from the Chicago Police Department to ensure the student's safety and find a new place for her to stay; and

WHEREAS, Field Training Officer Julita Grabowski (Star #4611), and Probationary Police Officers Kyron Feggins (Star #5592), and Guillermo Rentas, Jr. (Star #6082) responded to the school to provide assistance; and

WHEREAS, Having already been advised that the student had special needs, the officers took extra time to calmly explain to her that they were there to help. Earning her trust was not an easy task because her abuser had threatened her that she would be taken to jail if she called the police; and

WHEREAS, Over several hours, the officers attempted to find a shelter for the student. Rather than accept any available shelter in order to simply complete the assignment, the officers used their combined experience and knowledge to evaluate each option and reject those that could not provide the student with the support that she needed; and

WHEREAS, When they concluded that no shelter option would be suitable, the officers had no choice but to take the student to a nearby hospital. The student became upset when she learned that they were moving her away from the school, but Officer Feggins was able to calm her, and provided her with a pen and notebook to use for drawing and writing to cope with her anxiety; and

WHEREAS, Officer Rentas drew upon his training and experience from working with special needs students to explain what was happening in a way that the student could understand; and

WHEREAS, Officer Grabowski worked directly with Principal Parker to share resources that could be used to support the student and her family after the officers left; and

WHEREAS, The selfless actions of Officers Feggins, Rentas, and Grabowski exemplify their dedication to duty and commitment to the community, values inherent in all who serve in the Chicago Police Department; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twenty-third day of January, 2019, do hereby express our admiration and gratitude to Chicago Police Officers Julita Grabowski, Kyron Feggins, and Guillermo Rentas, Jr. for their supportive and compassionate response to this student's need for assistance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to these officers, and placed on permanent record in their personnel files, as a token of our gratitude and esteem.



Ral Emanuel
MAYOR

Andrea M. Valencia
CITY CLERK