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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL  
MAYOR

March 29, 2017

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith, together with Aldermen Sposato, Napolitano, Reboyras and Ervin, 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



Presented by Mayor Rahm Emanuel on March 29, 2017

**Whereas** On the late morning of February 11, 2017, companies of the 17th and 18th Battalions of the Chicago Fire Department responded to a reported apartment fire in the 3800 block of West Monroe Street, in the West Garfield Park neighborhood, and

**WHEREAS**, Engine Company 95 arrived first at the scene and encountered a two-story apartment building with fire and smoke coming out of the second-floor window. The members of Engine 95 let out a hose line and began working to extinguish the fire; and

**WHEREAS**, Truck Company 26 soon arrived at the scene, and quickly raised their ladders to begin a search for victims inside the building; and

**WHEREAS**, Inside the building, despite the zero visibility, choking smoke and extreme heat, the fire companies continued their determined search for victims, as well as their efforts to extinguish the fire; and

**WHEREAS**, The members of Truck 26 encountered a wheelchair-bound man still in the burning building. They carefully extracted the man from the building and brought him safely outside; and

**WHEREAS**, Engine Company 44 and Truck Company 36 soon arrived at the scene as reports came in of more victims trapped inside. These firefighters removed a mother and child from danger and brought them out to safety; and

**WHEREAS**, Under the command of the 18th Battalion Chief, and through coordinated rescue and suppression efforts, the personnel on the scene extinguished the fire and saved many lives; and

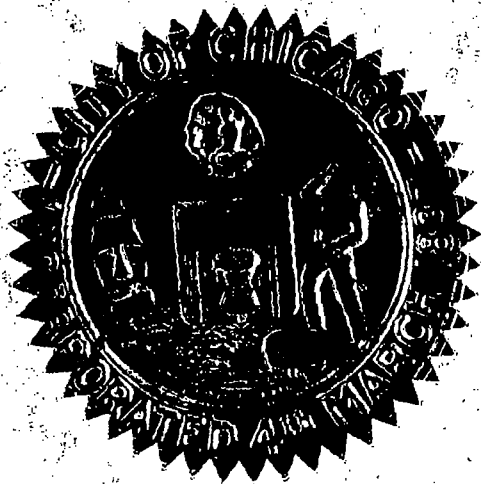
**WHEREAS**, Although the fire was so severe that it displaced 17 people, thanks to the efforts of the fire companies, all of those inside the building escaped unharmed and none required medical treatment or transportation to the hospital; and

**WHEREAS**, The quick and decisive actions of the fire companies involved led to the successful rescues. These members of the Chicago Fire Department put the safety of those trapped in the building before their own, and prevented a possible tragedy; and

**WHEREAS**, These Chicago Fire Department members performed their duties in the highest tradition of the Chicago Fire Department and we commend them for their efforts; now, therefore;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twenty-ninth day of March, 2017, do hereby honor the members of Engine Companies 44 and 95, Truck Companies 26 and 36, Battalion 18, and all those who valiantly responded to the fire in the 3800 block of West Monroe Street; 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 gratitude and esteem.



*Ral Emanuel*  
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MAYOR

*Andrea M. Valencia*  
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