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Title: Congratulations extended to Lucio Zapata on achieving rank of Eagle Scout

Committee(s) Assignment:

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING LUCIO ZAPATA FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

WHEREAS, On June 9, 2018, with the spirit of fellow Chicagoan and one of the founders of the Boy Scouts of America, William D. Boyce, an American publisher, entrepreneur, and explorer, and with adherence and dedication to the Boy Scout motto "Be prepared," and the Boy Scout slogan "Do a good turn daily," Lucio Zapata proudly accepted the rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, Only 2-3 percent of Boy Scouts, a total of just over a million, have earned the rank of Eagle Scout since 1911; and

WHEREAS, Lucio Zapata has been a member of Troop 4066 since October 2012, and a member of the leadership and guidance of Troop 4066 Leadership and the Troop 4066 Committee; and

WHEREAS, Troop Leaders Bob Conrardy, Eric Taubman, and David Parker; Grace Lutheran Church and School; Scouts and Scouters; and the Chicago Park District personnel helped Lucio Zapata carry out his Eagle Service Project; and

WHEREAS, Lucio Zapata's hard work, perseverance, and dedication have earned him the respect and admiration of his parents, Lorena Petani and Pedro Zapata; his grandparents, Angelina Petani and the late Dr. Miro Petani, the late Zoraida Martinez Zapata and Hugo Zapata, Sr.; his Aunt Sandy Petani; and his Uncles Paolo Petani and Hugo Zapata, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, In order to achieve this coveted rank in scouting, Lucio Zapata was required to earn 21 merit badges, including badges in Archaeology; Art; Camping; Citizen in the Community, in the Nation, and in the World; Climbing; Communication; Computers; Cooking; Entrepreneurship; Emergency Preparedness; Family Life; First Aid; Forestry; Personal Fitness; Personal Management; Public Speaking; Sustainability; Swimming; and Wilderness Survival; and

WHEREAS, While earning his rank advancement, Lucio Zapata also enjoyed attaining group merit badges in Archery and Rifle Shooting; held leadership positions such as Den Chief and Instructor; attended the High Adventure camps of Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia; Brinton Environmental Center in Summerland Key, Florida; Big Munson Island in the Florida Keys, and Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico; and was awarded the International Ambassador Achievement award at the Summit Bechtel Reserve and the Muskegon Luge Medal; and

WHEREAS, In the spirit of scouting and with a sense of adventure and outdoorsmanship, over the years, Lucio Zapata has enjoyed numerous scouting trips to nature areas and forest preserves in Wisconsin and Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Lucio Zapata's Eagle Service Project was conceived with the spirit of giving something back to his local community and involved working with the Chicago Park District at Northerly Island teaching camping, cooking, forestry, emergency, and sustainability skills to children in the Urban Camping Program. Lucio Zapata coordinated the entire event from start to finish and enlisted other scouts to aid in the guiding of the Urban Campers. At the culmination of the lessons and training, under the supervision of Lucio Zapata and his fellow scouts, the Urban Campers were given the opportunity to venture into a nearby prairie where they gathered kindling in a sustainable manner, and then safely executed what they had learned that day with the time-honored tradition of demonstrating various safe fire techniques. The valuable skill of making a safe fire is used by campers for a multitude of things, such as lighting the area around a campsite, providing warmth, cooking meals, warming up drinks, and melting different materials for tools. In addition, the event included the telling of camp fire stories, legends, and myths; talking about that day's nature hikes; warming up s'mores; safely extinguishing the fire; and signaling in case of an emergency in remote locations; and

WHEREAS, Lucio Zapata helped to fund, raise money for, and supply the sorely needed camping equipment identified by the Chicago Park District for their Urban Camping Program at Northerly Island; and

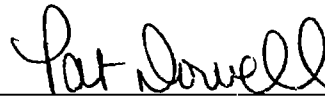
WHEREAS, Lucio Zapata has completed all of the requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout and has been

examined by an Eagle Scout Board of Review, certifying his worthiness for Scouting's highest distinction, and now joins the ranks of many influential and successful Eagle Scouts, including the 38th President of the United States Gerald R. Ford, Academy Award-winning film Director Steven Spielberg, former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, astronaut Neil Armstrong, United States Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, Pulitzer Prize-winner E.O. Wilson, Basketball Hall of Fame inductee and former Senator Bill Bradley, and U.S. Navy Seal and Medal of Honor recipient Thomas R. Norris; and

WHEREAS, Determined to pursue product design in college, Lucio hopes to provide leadership and service to his neighbors and community; and now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this thirteenth day of November, 2019, do hereby congratulate and pay tribute to Lucio Zapata for his determination, persistence, and hard work in attaining the rank of Eagle Scout and wish him every success in all of his future endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Lucio Zapata.



PAT DOWELL
Alderman, 3rd Ward

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