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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, In the early afternoon of July 21, 2017, Chicago Police Officers David Perez (Star #14864) and Victoria Mendoza (Star #14334) were dispatched to the scene of an armed robbery at a T-Mobile store at 43rd Street and Ashland Avenue in the Back of the Yards neighborhood on Chicago's South Side; and

WHEREAS, Armed robbers had entered the store, rounded up the store's employees and customers, and bound them with zip ties; and

WHEREAS, One employee managed to slip out the back of the store undetected to alert police, while a customer escaped through the front door, before the offenders fled the scene in a waiting vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Officers Perez and Mendoza immediately pursued the offenders; and

WHEREAS, When the offenders reached the west side of Ashland Avenue, they turned, pointed their guns at the pursuing officers, and began firing; and

WHEREAS, Officer Mendoza was shot in the leg, the bullet shattering her knee; and

WHEREAS, Ignoring the significant risk to his own life, Officer Perez continued to pursue the offenders on foot; and

WHEREAS, Ricardo Jimenez, owner of Leslie's Beauty Salon, was working next door and immediately came to assist Officer Mendoza, and

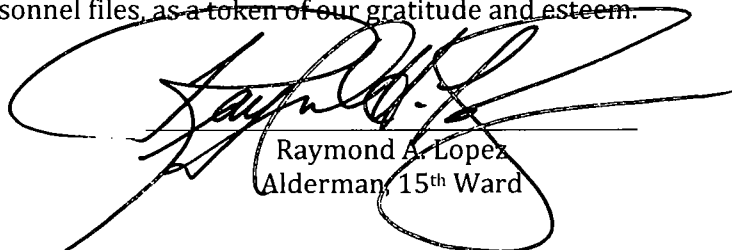
WHEREAS, During the foot chase, Officer Perez took and returned gun fire with at least one of the offenders; and

WHEREAS, Thanks to the bravery and relentless determination of Officer Perez and other pursuing officers, the offenders were arrested and charged with armed robbery and attempted murder; and

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this sixth day of September, 2017, do hereby honor Chicago Police Officers David Perez Victoria Mendoza, who, in keeping with the highest traditions of the Chicago Police Department, risked their lives to protect and defend the residents of our great City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented in honor the selfless act of heroism by Mr. Ricardo Jimenez for coming to the aid of an injured officer during her time of need; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to Chicago Police Officers David Perez and Victoria Mendoza, and placed on permanent record in their personnel files, as a token of our gratitude and esteem.



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Alderman, 15th Ward