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**Committee(s) Assignment:**

## **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 43<sup>rd</sup> 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

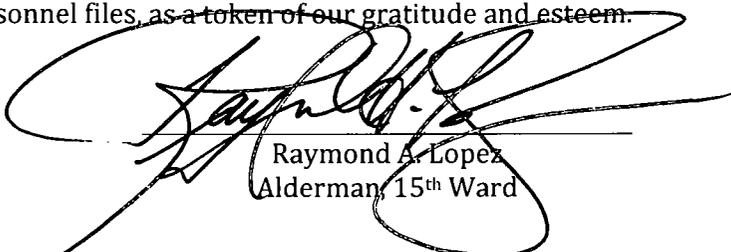
**WHEREAS**, During the foot chase, Officer Perez took and returned gun fire with at least one of the offenders; and

**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.

  
Raymond A. Lopez  
Alderman, 15<sup>th</sup> Ward