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A resolution

adopted by *The City Council*
of the *City of Chicago, Illinois*



Presented by MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL on OCTOBER 31, 2012

Whereas, On July 28, 2012, shortly after noon, Officer Edward Pakula (Star Number 18787), a seventeen-year veteran of the Chicago Police Department, was driving past the McDonald's parking lot on the Chicago Skyway when a man frantically flagged him down and told him that his twenty-one-month-old toddler was not breathing; and

WHEREAS, Officer Pakula immediately rushed towards the man's car, where he found the toddler slumped in the back seat, completely unresponsive, pale and with his eyes rolled back as his mother and brother watched over him in extreme panic; and

WHEREAS, Springing into action driven by his training and fatherly instincts, Officer Pakula first radioed for help, and then carefully took the toddler out of the car, laid him on the pavement, with his hand beneath the child's head, and started administering CPR; and

WHEREAS, With each puff of breath that Officer Pakula administered, the toddler struggled to wake up, and with the third breath, his eyes and color started coming back and he began breathing on his own; and

WHEREAS, Officer Pakula and the boy's mother kept the boy awake by rubbing his chest until paramedics arrived; and

WHEREAS, Within moments paramedics from the Chicago Fire Department arrived and took the boy to Advocate Trinity Hospital on the City's South Side, where he was observed for a day and released in a good condition; and

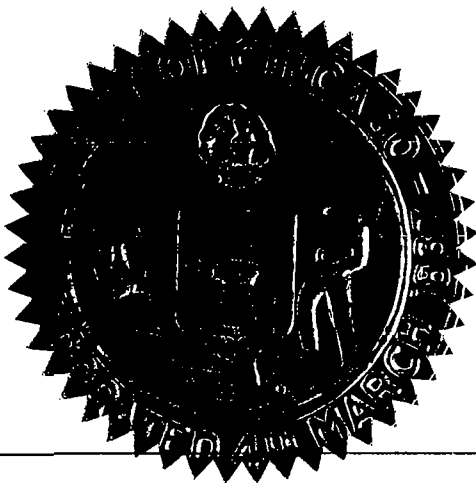
WHEREAS, The toddler survived this horrific incident only because of the swift, able and courageous assistance rendered by Officer Pakula; and

WHEREAS, A committed public servant who has often risked his own life to save other people, Officer Pakula has received recognition and awards for his heroic actions in rescuing people from burning buildings three times in his career; and

WHEREAS, Officer Pakula's bravery, quick thinking and determination are in keeping with the finest traditions of 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 thirty-first day of October, 2012, do hereby honor Police Officer Edward Pakula for his valor, loyalty and dedication to the people of the City of Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Police Officer Edward Pakula of the Chicago Police Department, and placed on permanent record in his personnel file, as a token of our appreciation and esteem.



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MAYOR

Susana A. Mendez

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