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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

July 28, 2011

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith a congratulatory resolution concerning the Chicago Police Department.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rahm Emanuel".

Mayor

A resolution

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



Presented by MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL on JULY 28, 2011

Whereas On the evening of April 5, 2011, 13th District Police Officers Frank Zotta (Star #8308) and Charlie H. Bell (Star #18872) were on patrol near Augusta Boulevard and Milwaukee Avenue when they saw a man climbing over the chain-link fence on the bridge over the John F. Kennedy expressway, and

WHEREAS Fearing the worst, the Officers radioed in their observations and quickly went to the aid of the man, who was shaking, crying and hanging from the fence, ready to jump to a gruesome death, and

WHEREAS As they spoke with the man in an effort to calm him down and build rapport, Officers Zotta and Bell learned that he was distraught because he could not find work and was worried for his family's future, and

WHEREAS Sergeant Richard Gonzalez (Star #1421) heard the Officers' radio call and responded to the scene. Concerned for the man's safety and the potential for a multi-car accident if the man were to fall, Sergeant Gonzalez quickly proceeded to halt traffic on the expressway, and

WHEREAS Sergeant Gonzalez then approached the man and began to talk to him in Spanish and establish trust, and

WHEREAS Sergeant Gonzalez continued in his intense, focused efforts to bring the man back from the brink through reassuring discourse, and

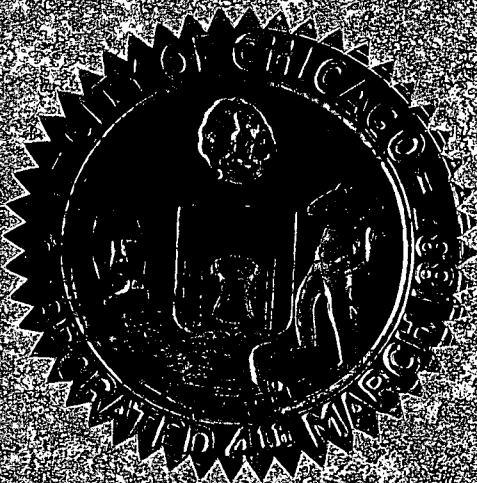
WHEREAS Under the spell of Officer Gonzalez' calm persuasion, the man gradually quieted down, then climbed back over the fence to safety, and

WHEREAS The dedication to duty, skill and sensitivity of Sergeant Gonzalez, Officer Zotta and Officer Bell were instrumental in saving a man's life and averting what likely would have been a highway catastrophe, had he jumped, and

WHEREAS The deeds of Sergeant Gonzalez, Officer Zotta and Officer Bell are emblematic of the Chicago Police Department, and their high standards, devotion to service, and impeccable professionalism make all of Chicago proud and grateful; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twenty-eighth day of July, 2011, do hereby congratulate Police Sergeant Gonzalez, Officer Zotta and Officer Bell for performing above and beyond the call of duty; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to these members of the Chicago Police Department, and placed on permanent record in their personnel files, as a token of our honor and esteem.



R. Emanuel
MAYOR

Susana A. Mendez
CITY CLERK