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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

September 6, 2017

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith, together with Aldermen Reboyras, Sposato, Dowell, O'Shea, Napolitano, Arena and Mell, a congratulatory resolution concerning the Chicago Fire 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 Aldermen Ariel Reboyras, Nicholas Sposato, Pat Dowell,
Matthew J. O'shea, Anthony V. Napolitano, Deborah Mell and
Mayor Rahm Emanuel on September 6, 2017

Whereas

, Shortly before midnight on Friday, May 26, 2017, members of the Chicago Fire Department responded to a fire call in the 4300 block of North Monticello Avenue. While on the way, OEMC confirmed the fire and advised of the possibility of people being trapped inside, and escalated the scope of the response; and

WHEREAS, Battalion 10, Engine Company 124, and Truck Company 38, supported by Ambulances 32 and 48, rushed to the scene to find a one and a half-story frame home so engulfed in flames that firefighters initially could not make entry; and

WHEREAS, Concerned that people were trapped inside the burning home, members of Engine 124 quickly trained two hose lines onto the fast-moving fire in a desperate attempt to knock down the flames and clear a path for search and rescue crews to enter. These firefighters also worked to keep the fire from spreading to nearby homes. The remaining members of Engine 124 worked seamlessly as a team to connect the engine to fire hydrants and maintain a stable supply of the water needed to battle the flames; and

WHEREAS, As water began to flow onto the fire, members of Truck 38 bravely entered the burning home to search for trapped victims and help battle the blaze. These firefighters also raised ladders to the roof of the home to cut ventilation holes essential to allow the deadly smoke and heat to escape; and

WHEREAS, The heroic efforts of the members of Engine 124 quickly brought the fire under control and provided the members of Truck 38 the protection they needed to find and rescue two terrified young victims, aged eight and nine, who were trapped by the smoke and flames; and

WHEREAS, Personnel from Ambulance 32 and Ambulance 48 provided on-scene emergency medical treatment to the three adults and three children who were victims of the fire. The trapped children rescued from the flames were the most seriously injured, and were transported to hospitals for further treatment; and

WHEREAS, Thanks to their bravery, teamwork, specialized training, and dedication to duty, these members of the Chicago Fire Department were able to quickly extinguish the fire, rescue and treat injured victims with no loss of life, and prevent the fire from spreading to nearby buildings; and

WHEREAS, The courage, quick actions, and effective firefighting and lifesaving techniques exhibited in response to this fire exemplify the highest traditions, dedication to duty, and commitment to service inherent in all members of Chicago Fire Department, and demonstrated why the Chicago Fire Department is a source of pride to the City; now, therefore

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 express our admiration and gratitude to Battalion Chief Kurt Nelson of the 10th Battalion; Lieutenant James Lucas, Engineer Andreas Leititis, and Firefighters Noel Martinez, Byron Franco, and Bryce Myers of Engine Company 124; Lieutenant Michael Burns and Firefighters Mark Johnson, James O'Boyle, Eric McLean, and Sean McMahon of Truck Company 38; Paramedic in Charge Shelly Wright and Paramedic Fredrick Ford of Ambulance 32; and Paramedic in Charge Jessica Killmnik and Paramedic Kathryn Hayes of Ambulance 48 for their heroic actions; and

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



R. Emanuel
MAYOR

Andrea M. Valencia
CITY CLERK