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Tribute to late Charles J. Barango

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The late Charles J. Barango was a resident of the Sauganash community for many years and a Chicago Police Officer for over 14 years; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of his life and contributions to the City by the Honorable Margaret Laurino, Alderman of the 39th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Charles J. Barango, affectionately known as "Chuck", passed away unexpectedly on September 18, 2016 at the age of forty-nine; and

WHEREAS, Chuck attended Queen of All Saints, graduated from Taft High School, and received his Bachelor's Degree from Lewis University in 2010. He served in the Cook County Sherriff's Office from 1999 to 2002 and later joined the Chicago Police Department in 2002 and bravely served until his passing; and

WHEREAS, While a Police Officer, Chuck was assigned to the S.W.A.T. Saturation Team, Special Operations and the 2nd, 7th, 18th, and 20th Police Districts. He earned the Superintendent's Award of Valor, two Police Department commendations, four emblems of recognition for physical fitness, four complimentary letters and forty-eight honorable mentions. Chuck also led the effort to create and teach a mechanical shotgun breaching program for his fellow officers; and

WHEREAS, Chuck also appeared on the NBC show, "Chicago Fire," and worked with the cast and crew of "Chicago P.D." as a technical consultant, teaching the cast about high-risk entries, close quarter combat, room clearing and shooting; and

WHEREAS, In 2011, Chuck survived a brain tumor that threatened his vision. Upon his medical release, Chuck was eager to return to his duties as a Chicago Police Officer, a true public servant. The day before Chuck planned to return to the Chicago Police Department, he was fatally struck and killed while riding his motorcycle; and

WHEREAS, Left to mourn his loss and celebrate his life are Chucks' beloved family members, father Anthony Barango, daughters Amanda and Kayla Barango, siblings Regina and Christopher Barango, niece Nicole and nephew Denny, and a host of friends. Chuck was preceded in death by his loving mother Carol Barango and nephew Anthony Heatherly; and

WHEREAS, Despite his passing, Chuck Barango continues to be a role model for every Chicago resident and those within the Chicago Police Department, an example of civic dedication and excellence; 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, 2018, do hereby recognize the life and exemplary service of Charles J. Barango; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Chicago hereby dedicates North Kercheval Avenue, between North Kingsdale Avenue and North Kerbs Avenue, as "Honorary Charles J. Barango Way. The city of Chicago will present copies of this resolution to the family of Charles J. Barango as a sign of our honor, gratitude, and respect.

Margaret Laurino

MARGARET LAURINO Alderman, 39th Ward