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Emergency Management and Communications and second-
grader Simbi Jibril on life-saving efforts

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

LORI E. LIGHTFOOT
MAYOR

July 24, 2019

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith, together with Aldermen O'Shea, Mitchell and Taliaferro, a congratulatory resolution concerning the Office of Emergency Management and Communications and two Chicago residents.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lori E. Lightfoot".

Mayor



A resolution

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



Presented by Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot, Aldermen Mathew O'Shea, Greg Mitchell and Chris Taliaferro on July 24, 2019

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WHEREAS, Fire Call Taker Megan Staatz, a licensed paramedic for eight years, answered Simbi's call. Realizing that "something really was wrong," Ms. Staatz asked Simbi to check whether her mother was breathing. After learning that Ms. Davis was not breathing, Ms. Staatz first told Simbi to keep pressing on her mother's chest, then began to elicit information from the child about where to send help; and

WHEREAS, Following Ms. Staatz's instructions, to the letter, Simbi clearly and confidently provided her mother's name, telephone number, address and door number, as well as the building entry code needed for first responders to access their apartment on the 19th floor; and she kept pushing on her mother's chest until, thankfully, her mother's breathing was restored; and

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WHEREAS, Thanks to the wise decisions and concerted efforts, at different times, of many different people, this potentially tragic story has a happy ending, for Ms. Davis recovered and is doing well; and

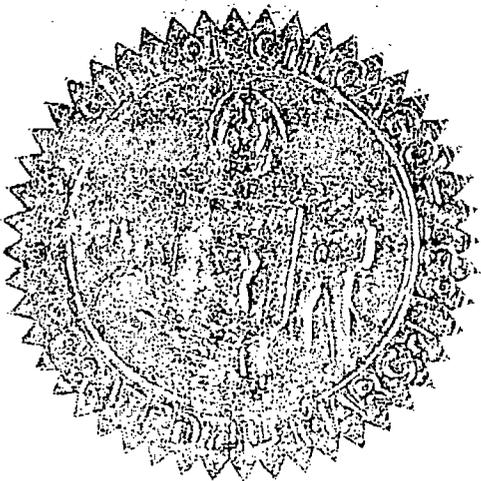
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BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twenty-fourth day of July, 2019, do hereby honor and commend Simbi Jibril, Shani Davis, and Megan Staatz for their contributions in saving Ms. Davis's life; and

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