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**RESOLUTION HONORING
GONZALO “GONZO” RUIZ JR. ON RETIREMENT FROM
THE CHICAGO FIRE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, First responders are the backbone of Chicago, sacrificing so much to keep our communities safe; and

WHEREAS, Gonzalo “Gonzo” Ruiz Jr. gave 30 years as a proud Chicago Firefighter; and

WHEREAS, He was the eldest son of Mexican immigrants, Gonzalo and Teresita, who raised him and his three siblings in the Humboldt Park neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, He graduated from Maternity B.V.M. Catholic School in Humboldt Park in 1978, and then went on to graduate from Weber High School in 1982; and

WHEREAS, He joined the US Marine Reserves while attending Loyola University, then welcomed a son, Trinidad Gonzalo; and

WHEREAS, He was called to active duty and served honorably in the First Desert Storm; and

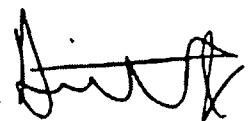
WHEREAS, Gonzo was called to serve as a Firefighter, graduating in 1991 and achieving the rank of Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, He married Deyanira Escobedo and had two children, Benjamin Gonzalo and Isabella Juliana; and

WHEREAS, He achieved the rank of Captain-EMT, and after an esteemed career of public service and leadership, is retiring this year after 30 years in the Chicago Fire Department; and

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of Chicago, gathered here this 27th day of October 2021, do hereby call public attention to Gonzalo Ruiz’s lifetime of service to our nation and city, and wish him a happy, fulfilling retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That three suitable copies of this resolution be presented to Gonzalo Ruiz Jr. and his family as a token of our gratitude for his leadership and dedication to serving the people of Chicago.



Gilbert Villegas
Alderman of the 36th Ward