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**RESOLUTION HONORING OFFICER BRATEK OF THE 17th DISTRICT CHICAGO
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, Officer Bratek of the 17th District Chicago Police Department was among the honorees at the Eighteenth Annual Salute to American Heroes on November 3, 2019, and;

WHEREAS, This body was informed of that honor by Alderman Samantha Nugent, and;

WHEREAS, On the Twenty-Third of April, 2019, Officer Bratek along with Officers Manalo, Murillo, Mahe, and Vega responded to a call of a fire at 4850 North Keystone Avenue.

WHEREAS, Officers arrived on scene and to bright orange flames coming from the basement. The officers immediately ran to the front door and rang the doorbell. Officers yelled and pounded on the doors to alert residents. Their efforts were successful as a family was safely evacuated from the house.

WHEREAS, The officers were told two other men were in the basement of the house. While Officer Vega escorted the family to safety, Officers Bratek, Manalo, Murillo, Mahe helped one man out of the house and attempted to enter the basement to assist the wheelchair bound man.

WHEREAS, The officers made numerous attempts to enter the basement. Due to smoke and flames the officers could not enter the basement, but they persisted. With the assistance of Sergeant Vizzini, officers ran to the back of the home and attempted to enter the basement three times through the back door and the windows.

WHEREAS, Officers Bratek and Murillo attempted to enter the basement through windows but could not. Officers then started shining their flashlights into the basement and talked to the victim that was still trapped inside to follow the light in an attempt to get him to reach the back door through the smoke. Sergeant Vizzini attempted to tame the fire with a hose found on the side of the house until the Chicago Fire Department arrived on scene.

WHEREAS, Due to the heroic efforts of Sergeant Vizzini and Officers Bratek, Manalo, Murillo, Mahe, and Vega, five adults and two small children were able to escape the deadly fire.

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago gathered here this Fifteenth day of January, 2020, do hereby express our congratulations to Officer Bratek of the 17th District Chicago Police Department on their well-deserved honor; and

Be It Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Officer Bratek of the 17th District Chicago Police Department as a token of our honor, gratitude, and respect.



SAMANTHA NUGENT
Alderman, 39th Ward

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