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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

July 29, 2015

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith a congratulatory resolution concerning the Chicago Police Department.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Mayor

A resolution

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



Presented by MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL on JULY 29, 2015

Whereas, On the afternoon of August 29, 2013, off-duty Chicago Police Officer Jacqueline Lindblad (Star #16313) was jogging on the Sauganash trail when a man attacked her from behind, grabbing her neck and violently dragging her to the ground; and

WHEREAS, Officer Lindblad had the presence of mind to announce her office and called on her police training to defend herself, gouging the attacker's eyes and striking his body, meeting him blow-for-blow as she tried to place him into custody; and

WHEREAS, Officer Lindblad valiantly fought off the brazen daylight attack, but the attacker was able to escape; and

WHEREAS, Detective Jacqueline L. Mok (Star #20494) later went to the hospital where Officer Lindblad was being treated for her injuries, ensuring that evidence was properly collected for further analysis to aid in identifying and apprehending the offender; and

WHEREAS, Thanks to Officer Lindblad's vigorous struggle, DNA samples from the offender were collected from under her fingernails; and

WHEREAS, Nearly six months later, on the evening of February 19, 2014, a woman was walking home when she was attacked from behind, dragged to the ground, and brutally sexually assaulted, threatened with death and ordered to give her cell phone number to the offender, who then fled the scene; and

WHEREAS, Area North Detectives went to the hospital where that victim was being treated, and they collected DNA evidence for further analysis to aid in identifying and apprehending the offender; and

WHEREAS, Two members of her team, Officer Joseph Alafaro (Star #13813) and Detective Omar Rivera (Star #21413), realized that the offender's description and manner of attack were nearly identical to that of a man whom they had arrested in July of 2013 for a pattern of robberies; and

WHEREAS, Armed with this knowledge, and the knowledge that the offender from the robbery pattern was due to begin his incarceration in two weeks, Officer Alafaro and Detective Rivera briefed the assigned detectives; and

WHEREAS, A photo line-up was shown to the victim, who identified the offender as the same man that Officer Alafaro and Detective Rivera had arrested in 2013. Based on this decisive identification, the offender was quickly located and placed into custody; and

WHEREAS, Thanks to the careful efforts of the Area North Detectives in properly collecting and analyzing evidence from the attacks, DNA evidence was used to identify the offender as the same offender who had attacked Officer Lindblad months earlier. The offender was subsequently charged with numerous felonies for these two attacks, including Aggravated Kidnapping and Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault, and, with regard to the attack on Officer Lindblad, Aggravated Battery to a Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, Thanks to the steadfast determination of these officers, along with their desire to see justice done, a violent, dangerous predator was removed from the streets of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, All of these members of the Chicago Police Department deserve commendation for their dedication, skill, and outstanding police work: Sergeant Michelle Rubino (Star #1146), Sergeant Mia Ogliore (Star #1765), Detective Omar Rivera (Star #21413), Detective Melissa Fuller (Star #20300), Detective Jorge Gonzalez (Star #21603), Detective Mona Majeed (Star #20561), Detective Jacqueline Mok (Star #20494), Police Officer Jacqueline Lindblad (Star #16313), Police Officer Joseph Alafaro (Star #13813), Police Officer Edward Yerke (Star #11507), Police Officer Anthony Acevez (Star #18154), Police Officer John Towey (Star #8339), Police Officer Marlon Cajucom (Star #4816), and Police Officer Noe Sanchez (Star #6439); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twenty-ninth day of July, 2015, do hereby commend for their professionalism, dedication and exceptional cooperative efforts on behalf of the citizenry of Chicago, all of the above-named police personnel who were instrumental in solving these horrific crimes; and

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



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MAYOR

Susana A. Mendez

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