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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL  
MAYOR

April 18, 2018

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith, together with Aldermen Reboyras and Maldonado, a congratulatory resolution concerning the Chicago Police Department.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rahm Emanuel".

Mayor

# A resolution

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



Presented by Aldermen, Ariel Reboyras, Roberto Maldonado and Mayor Rahm Emanuel on April 18, 2018

**Whereas**, Late in the evening of April 24, 2016, Chicago Police Officer Diego Castillo (Star #7499) was in his squad car pursuing a car fleeing from the scene of a battery in the 5400 block of South Laflin Street; and

**WHEREAS**, In his desperation to get away, the driver of the car was not only driving recklessly and ignoring stop signs in a residential neighborhood, but also began firing a pistol at Officer Castillo; and

**WHEREAS**, Determined to arrest the violent offender, and disregarding the danger in which he found himself, Officer Castillo continued the pursuit; and

**WHEREAS**, Relying on his training and experience, Officer Castillo was able to keep the fleeing car in sight while still driving in a safe manner to protect innocent pedestrians and other drivers out on the street; and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Castillo coordinated with other responding officers to continue the pursuit. When the offender realized he would not be able to get away from the police in his car, he pulled into an alley and attempted to escape on foot; and

**WHEREAS**, Working as a team, the responding officers were able to chase the armed offender through yards and over fences, ultimately arresting him without the need to use deadly force. No one was injured during the pursuit and arrest; and

**WHEREAS**, Thanks to the efforts of Officer Castillo and the other responding officers, a high-ranking gang member and weapon came off the street; and

**WHEREAS**, A lifelong Chicagoan, Officer Castillo graduated from Gordon Technical High School and then went on to serve our country with distinction in the United States Marine Corps; and

**WHEREAS**, Following his honorable discharge, Officer Castillo joined the Chicago Police Department in 1994. He received a Department Commendation on February 14, 2018, in recognition of his outstanding work and dedication to duty; and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Castillo's calm and professional demeanor while under fire and pursuing an offender exemplify the courage and dedication to duty inherent in all members of the Chicago Police Department; now, therefore:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this eighteenth day of April, 2018, do hereby express our admiration and gratitude to Officer Diego Castillo for his heroic actions and dedication to keeping Chicago safe; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Officer Castillo, and placed on permanent record in his personnel file, as a token of our gratitude and esteem.



*Ral Emanual*

MAYOR

*Andrea M. Valencia*

CITY CLERK