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Congratulations extended to Armando Perez on heroic

actions

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, On the evening of October 31, 2015, Armando Perez was a customer at Agencia Mexicana, a corner currency exchange located in the Gage Park community on the Southwest Side, when a man entered the store and announced a robbery; and

WHEREAS, The would-be robber displayed what appeared to be a gun and pointed it at a female clerk who was standing behind the counter; and

WHEREAS, The offender then allegedly aimed the weapon at a second female employee and forced her to the back of the store; and

WHEREAS, The robber then directed the weapon toward a customer, Armando Perez, who has a concealed carry license and was in possession of a registered semi-automatic pistol; and

WHEREAS, In fear for his life, Armando Perez drew his weapon and opened fire at the robber, striking him multiple times; and

WHEREAS, The offender was identified as Reginald Gildersleeve, a convicted felon, and was pronounced dead; and

WHEREAS, Authorities later determined that Reginald Gildersleeve was carrying a black-colored replica firearm or toy gun, according to police reports filed in connection with the attempted robbery; and

WHEREAS, As part of their investigation of the case, detectives examined the store's surveillance video and interviewed witnesses; and

WHEREAS, A spokesperson for the Chicago Police Department later called the fatal shooting "a case of self-defense"; and

WHEREAS, After reviewing the facts surrounding the case, the Cook County State's Attorneys Office announced that prosecutors would not seek criminal charges against Armando Perez; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council assembled this ninth day of December, 2015 do hereby recognize Armando Perez for his decisive actions which were intended to protect both himself and two female employees of Agencia Mexicana; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Armando Perez.

Alderman – 14th Ward