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<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Rony Monzon, a freshman at Phoenix Military Academy in Chicago, has been honored with the *Junior ROTC Medal of Heroism Award*; and

**WHEREAS**, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this event by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

**WHEREAS**, A resident of the Brighton Park community, Rony Monzon was presented with this prestigious award at the Academy by four-star General Robert W. Cone, the Commander of all Army training programs nationwide; and

**WHEREAS**, Rony Monzon was recognized for his selfless act of using his own body to shield a young woman from a hail of gunfire; and

**WHEREAS**, Rony Monzon was sitting on the porch of his Brighton Park residence on the night of July 11, 2012, sharing a pizza with his lifelong 14-year-old friend, when the attack suddenly occurred without warning; and

**WHEREAS**, The gunman came alongside the house, intent on targeting individuals across the street, when he apparently became startled and pointed a handgun at the innocent teenagers; and

**WHEREAS**, Without concern for his own safety, Rony Monzon instinctively jumped to his feet and positioned himself between the gunman and the young woman; and

**WHEREAS**, The bullets fired by the gunman struck Rony Monzon three times, entering his chest, arm and hip; and

**WHEREAS**, Rony Monzon was rushed to Mt. Sinai Medical Center where he was treated in the intensive care unit and fortunately made a full recovery, despite one wound which narrowly missed his heart; and

**WHEREAS**, Rony Monzon has been hailed as a true heroic example of sacrifice and friendship; and

**WHEREAS**, Rony Monzon was subsequently named one of *Chicago* magazine's "Chicagoans of the Year"; and

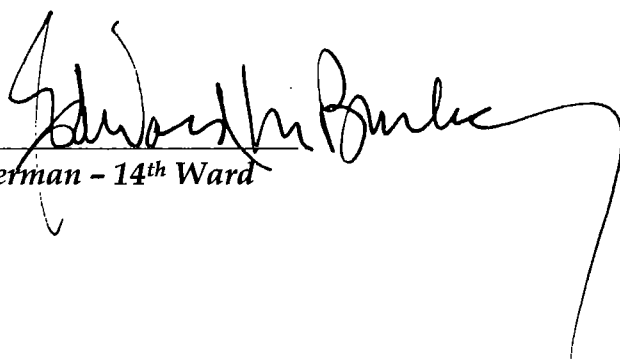
**WHEREAS**, The Phoenix Military Academy prepares young men and women to become citizen leaders and professionals of the future by instilling in them the discipline and training they need to succeed; and

**WHEREAS**, Rony Monzon is an inspiring example to his fellow cadets and all Chicagoans, both young and old; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this thirteenth day of March, 2013, do hereby salute Rony Monzon for this selfless act of bravery and for being a recipient of the *Junior ROTC Medal of Heroism Award* ; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That March 13, 2012, shall be officially recognized as *Rony Monzon Day* throughout the City of Chicago; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Rony Monzon.



Alderman - 14<sup>th</sup> Ward