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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

November 13, 2013

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith a congratulatory resolution regarding 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 MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL on NOVEMBER 13, 2013

Whereas, On the afternoon of June 5, 2013, a serious altercation began when a woman's ex-boyfriend drove to her home unexpectedly, then began arguing with her husband; and

WHEREAS, As the husband tried to walk toward his van, the argument between the two men quickly escalated into a fight when the ex-boyfriend produced a knife and began slashing the husband in the face; and

WHEREAS, While struggling, the two men finally ended up tumbling into the van and the ex-boyfriend continued stabbing the other man in the face, head and body; and

WHEREAS, 25th Police District Sergeant Frank Pierri (Star #1920) and Police Officer Leonard G. Wlezien (Star #11854) were on patrol nearby when they heard the victim's wife frantically screaming and pointing toward the van; and

WHEREAS, The Officers pulled up, exited their vehicle and approached the van, where they saw the violent, bloody struggle taking place; and

WHEREAS, Quickly evaluating the situation, Sergeant Pierri grabbed for the offender and Officer Wlezien entered the other side of the van to pull the victim to safety; and

WHEREAS, Upon separating the two men, the officers turned their attention to the knife in the offender's hands. Sergeant Pierri and Officer Wlezien were able to subdue the assailant, and without firing a shot, they secured his knife and placed him into custody without further injury to anyone; and

WHEREAS, Immediately after subduing the offender, Sergeant Pierri and Officer Wlezien tended to the victim, who was covered in blood and struggling to breathe. Paramedics arrived quickly and rushed the victim to Mount Sinai Hospital, where he survived his life-threatening wounds; and

WHEREAS, The offender, a convicted felon, is now charged with attempted first-degree murder; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Pierri and Officer Wlezien acted quickly, courageously and with professionalism to subdue an offender. Thanks to the efforts of these two fine police officers, a dangerous felon has been taken off the streets of Chicago; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this thirteenth day of November, 2013, do hereby honor Chicago Police Sergeant Frank Pierri and Chicago Police Officer Leonard G. Wlezien for their display of bravery in the face of danger; and

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



Ral Emanuel

MAYOR

Susana A. Mendez

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