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Title: Congratulations extended to Police Officer Angelina Palermo for heroic lifesaving actions

Committee(s) Assignment:

A resolution

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



Presented by MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL on JUNE 5, 2013

Whereas, At approximately 2:30 a.m. on December 26, 2012, Chicago Police Officer Angelina Palermo (Star #13482) and her partner were dispatched to the 6700 block of South Wolcott Avenue in response to a 9-1-1 emergency call reporting a man with a gun; and

WHEREAS, When Officer Palermo and her partner reached the scene in full uniform and in their marked squad car, they saw that other police officers had also just arrived and were walking into the front of the residence in search of the offender. Taking initiative, Officer Palermo and her partner moved towards the rear of the home in case the offender exited there; and

WHEREAS, As she walked to the back of the residence, Officer Palermo heard shouting from inside the home. Officer Palermo then saw a man run through the back door and down several stairs, seeking to escape through a gaping hole in the backyard fence; and

WHEREAS, Before stepping through the fence, the man pointed a pistol at Officer Palermo and her partner. Fearing for her safety and that of her partner, Officer Palermo fired at the offender. Undeterred, the man fled into the backyard of the neighboring property; and

WHEREAS, Anticipating that the man would double back towards Wolcott Avenue and pose a threat to her fellow officers, Officer Palermo dashed to the front of the residence, where she saw the offender standing in the gangway. Raising his arm, the man again pointed his handgun at the police officers. Fearing the worst, Officer Palermo fired two more shots at the offender, who threw his gun up onto the roof, before falling wounded to the ground; and

WHEREAS, Assisted by other officers, Officer Palermo took the offender into custody. The gunman's loaded Taurus .40 caliber semi-automatic pistol was then recovered from the gutter of the rooftop where he had thrown it; and

WHEREAS, The subsequent investigation revealed that, prior to the officers' arrival, the gunman, a convicted felon, had threatened others in the home with his pistol during a domestic disturbance; and

WHEREAS, The offender was charged as an armed habitual criminal, and with unlawful use of a weapon by a felon and two counts of aggravated assault with a firearm; and

WHEREAS, This outstanding result was made possible by Officer Palermo's astute observations, quick evaluation of the scene, demonstrated bravery, concern for her fellow officers, and measured response in the face of grave danger; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this fifth day of June, 2013, do hereby honor Chicago Police Officer Angelina Palermo for her professionalism, valor and exceptional efforts on behalf of the citizenry of Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Chicago Police Officer Angelina Palermo, and placed on permanent record in her personnel file, as a token of our appreciation and esteem.



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MAYOR

Susana A. Mendez

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RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

June 5, 2013

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith a congratulatory resolution concerning the Police Department.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Mayor