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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

March 28, 2018

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith, together with Aldermen Dowell, Garza, Curtis, O'Shea, Reboyras and Napolitano, a congratulatory resolution regarding the Chicago Fire 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*



Aldermen, Anthony V. Napolitano, Matthew J. O'Shea, Ariel Reboyras
Pat Dowell, Susan Sadlowski Garza, Derrick G. Curtis and

Presented by Mayor Rahm Emanuel on March 28, 2018

Whereas, On the early afternoon of December 27, 2017, the members of Engine Company 97 of the Chicago Fire Department responded to a request for ambulance assistance for an elderly woman injured in a fall; and

WHEREAS, Arriving at the scene, the Company members gathered their medical equipment and knocked on the front door, but there was no answer; and

WHEREAS, Captain Michael Murdock then tried the front door, which was unlocked. As the door swung open, the Fire Department personnel were startled to see heavy smoke inside; and

WHEREAS, Captain Murdock immediately requested a full fire response, then heard a woman's voice calling for help. He directed one of his members to put on their protective gear and lead out a hose line to put out the fire; and

WHEREAS, Captain Murdock then quickly assembled other Company members to rescue the woman. Knowing full well that any delay would result in severe injury or death to this victim, the team plunged into the thick smoke without the protection of a hand line, oxygen, or any protective equipment; and

WHEREAS, Guided by the screams for help, relying on their training and working flawlessly as a team, the firefighters quickly located the elderly woman and removed her to a safe area, where care was administered. Meanwhile, other members extinguished the kitchen fire; and

WHEREAS, Unfazed by a sudden change of scenario from a simple call for assistance into a life-and-death fire rescue, the members of Engine 97 performed quickly, professionally and decisively; and

WHEREAS, But for the sterling efforts of Engine Company 97, a victim surely would have perished; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twenty-eighth day of March, 2018, do hereby honor Captain Michael Murdock, Engineer Lemuel Lacy, Firefighter/EMT Monica Allen, Firefighter/EMT Aiden Hart and Firefighter/Paramedic Jason Colwell of Engine Company 97 for actions above and beyond the call of duty; and

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



Ral Emanuel

MAYOR

Andrea H. Valencia

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