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A resolution

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



Presented by MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL on OCTOBER 5, 2011

Whereas, In the early morning hours of August 26, 2011, fire companies of the Chicago Fire Department's 5th District responded to a fire in the 6200 block of South Whipple Street; and

WHEREAS, The first-responding units reported seeing fire in many areas of the one and a half story building, and they soon established that fire was consuming both the basement and the first floor; and

WHEREAS, Without hesitation, Firefighter Larrence McCormack of Squad 5 forced open the rear door of the building and plunged into the inferno; and

WHEREAS, Proceeding through heavy smoke and nearly unbearable heat, Firefighter McCormack searched the basement, and eventually found a victim in a front bedroom; and

WHEREAS, The victim turned out to be a disabled man, who was lying, unresponsive, on a bed. Acting quickly, Firefighter McCormack carried the man from the choking smoke to safety outside, where medical treatment awaited; and

WHEREAS, The victim, an amputee, owes Firefighter McCormack a deep debt of gratitude for rescuing him from extreme peril; and

WHEREAS, Heroic actions of Firefighter Larrence McCormack made the difference between life and death for this victim. The courage and determination shown by Firefighter Larrence McCormack, who refused to be turned back by the extreme heat and bottled-up black smoke in this apartment building, are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Chicago Fire Department; 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 October, 2011, do hereby honor Firefighter Larrence McCormack for his valor, loyalty and dedication to the people of the City of Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Firefighter Larrence McCormack, and placed on permanent record in his personnel file, as a token of our appreciation and esteem.



MAYOR



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