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Sponsor(s): Burke (14)

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Title: Congratulations extended to Sergeant Bryan Topczewski on his heroic actions and outstanding professionalism

Committee(s) Assignment:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Sergeant Bryan Topczewski of the Harrison Police District is being lauded for using his Chicago Police Department training to help save the life of a child on Chicago's West Side; and

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

WHEREAS, Shortly after 10 p.m. on August 8, 2016, Sergeant Bryan Topczewski responded to a call of a child shot at 3945 West Polk Street; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Bryan Topczewski parked in front of the address and proceeded inside an open door of the residence to find 10-year-old Tavon Tanner lying face down with blood coming from his nose and mouth; and

WHEREAS, Moments earlier, Tavon Tanner had been playing on the porch of his home when a gunman fired at least nine shots from the street; and

WHEREAS, Tavon Tanner was struck by a stray bullet in the barrage of gunfire and collapsed as he followed his mother through the door of their home; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Bryan Topczewski rushed to his squad car and returned with a first-aid kit; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Bryan Topczewski ripped off the boy's clothing and found a gunshot wound in his lower back near the spine; and

WHEREAS, In an attempt to stop the bleeding, Sergeant Bryan Topczewski applied pressure to the wound, covering it with a compression bandage; and

WHEREAS, Paramedics soon arrived on the scene and transported the boy to Mount Sinai Medical Center where he underwent nearly four hours of emergency surgery; and

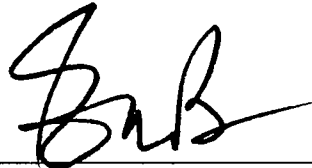
WHEREAS, Sergeant Bryan Topczewski, a 20-year-veteran of the Department, previously underwent medical training as part of the City's now-disbanded Mobil Strike Force; and

WHEREAS, While not a paramedic, Sergeant Bryan Topczewski is a father and quickly acted to intervene and render emergency assistance to the child; and

WHEREAS, The courage, training and dedication of Sergeant Bryan Topczewski serve as an example to all; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this fourteenth day of September, 2016, do hereby congratulate Sergeant Bryan Topczewski on his heroic actions and his outstanding professionalism; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Sergeant Bryan Topczewski.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name 'Bob', written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above a horizontal line.

Alderman - 14th Ward