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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

July 25, 2012

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith a congratulatory resolution concerning the Chicago Fire Department.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Mayor

A resolution

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



Presented by MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL on JULY 25, 2012

Whereas, On the night of June 26, 2012, several companies from the Chicago Fire Department's 6th District responded to a fire at an apartment building in the 10800 block of South Calumet Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Kenneth Bruno of Truck 27, who was among the first fire personnel on the scene, reported fire and heavy smoke billowing out of the second floor and extending to the third floor of the building; and

WHEREAS, After speaking with the building's occupants, Lieutenant Bruno became aware that an elderly disabled man and his son were still trapped in the blaze on the second floor; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Joseph Michon joined Lieutenant Bruno, and the two men entered the building to search for the two trapped residents, climbing up the front stairwell. Meanwhile, the crew of Engine 93 stretched the hose to the second floor to fight the flames, keeping the front stairwell accessible for the two rescuers; and

WHEREAS, Upon entering the second-floor apartment, Lieutenant Bruno and Firefighter Michon encountered fires burning throughout the apartment, all the way to the back stairwell. Crouching down to avoid the flames rolling across the ceiling, the two firefighters pushed, through tremendous heat and suffocating smoke, towards the bedrooms in the rear to search for the two missing occupants; and

WHEREAS, While Firefighter Michon searched the first bedroom, Lieutenant Bruno continued on to the rear bedroom, where he discovered a large, unresponsive man lying face-down at the foot of the bed. Lieutenant Bruno immediately called for help to evacuate the victim and radioed the Battalion Chief to request an ambulance; and

WHEREAS, The two firefighters began the challenging task of removing the unconscious victim, who weighed approximately 300 pounds, and carrying him to safety; and

WHEREAS, Suddenly, Lieutenant Bruno heard a voice call out for help from the far rear of the apartment. Rushing through the thick smoke, Lieutenant Bruno found a man near the rear window, gasping for fresh air. Lieutenant Bruno assured the second victim that he would return for him; and

WHEREAS, After transporting the first victim down to the second floor landing and safely handing him off to additional rescuers, Lieutenant Bruno immediately returned to the rear window of the apartment to aid the second victim, who because of asthma was panicking and choking from the heavy smoke. Lieutenant Bruno took hold of the man, shielding him from the flames, and led him downstairs to safety; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Bruno then rejoined the others as they brought the first victim to the waiting ambulance. Although the elderly man was without a pulse and not breathing, the ambulance crew worked quickly to resuscitate him before transporting him to the hospital; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Bruno's tremendous courage and strong leadership during this dangerous and difficult operation, coupled with the disciplined support of his fellow first responders, resulted in the lifesaving rescue of two civilians trapped and overcome by a raging fire; and

WHEREAS, The valor, professionalism, and teamwork displayed by Lieutenant Bruno and all the other first responders involved, who went beyond the limits of their extensive training, 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 twenty-fifth day of July, 2012, do hereby honor Lieutenant Kenneth Bruno for this lifesaving rescue; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to Lieutenant Bruno of the Chicago Fire Department, and placed on permanent record in his personnel file, as a token of our appreciation and esteem.



Ral Emanuel

MAYOR

Susana A Mendez

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