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Title:	Congratulations extended to Anthony "Tony" Spatafora Jr.
Committee(s) Assignment:	

WHEREAS, Anthony "Tony" Spatafora, Jr. was born on October 7, 1955, and raised in the Irving Park neighborhood; graduated from Patrick Henry Kindergarten, Immaculate Heart of Mary Elementary School and St. Patrick's High School; and

WHEREAS, Tony served in the United States Navy from 1973 to 1979, and received the National Defense Ribbon and the Marksman Ribbon; and

WHEREAS, Tony became a Chicago Police Officer in the Austin district, where he participated in several notable incidents, including one wherein he and a few fellow patrolmen developed their own confidential sources, in a major narcotic shipment which during the operation, they surrounded the shipment with four cars, and executed what was at that time the largest narcotic bust in the city's history; and

WHEREAS, Tony earned his first commendation when he and a fellow officer saw a fire on the expressway, moved into a position adjacent to the fire in order to assist Fire Department responders, while to their surprise, a woman, who was violently held against her will, managed to escape the building, because the suspect was momentarily distracted by the flashing lights of the police car shining into the window, thereafter the officers called for backup where a pursuit was followed in the capture of the suspect, and

WHEREAS, In 1991, Tony transferred to the Albany Park 17th District, first serving as a beat officer and for six years as a teacher in the DARE (Drug Awareness and Resistance Education) and GREAT (Gang Resistance Education And Training) programs where he was much beloved and respected by his students; and

WHEREAS, From 2004 until his retirement in 2011, Officer Tony served as the 17th District's Problem Building Officer, where he quickly gained a reputation for his tenacity in working with the community, his resourcefulness in following information trails to search for absentee property owners; his diligence in building appropriate documentation for pending cases delayed in court, and coordinating response teams within the Chicago Police Department, Aldermanic offices, the Department of Buildings and the Chicago Department of Streets and Sanitation; and

WHEREAS, Tony Spatafora's record shined during his time in the Department which included two Commendations, more than thirty Honorable Mentions, and one hundred twenty-eight letters of recognition from citizens; now, therefore

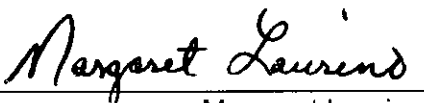
Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the Chicago City Council, gathered here this second day of November, 2011, do hereby show out appreciation of Anthony Spatafora, Jr. for his service in the military, to the City and as a honoree for the 2011 Mayfair Community Salute to Veterans; and

Be It Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Anthony Spatafora, Jr.

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