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A resolution

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



Presented by MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL on FEBRUARY 15, 2012

Whereas, On October 1, 2011, Squad 5 was dispatched, along with several other units of the Chicago Fire Department's Fifth District, to a fire on the 1300 block of West 76th Street. Upon arrival, firefighters discovered a senior citizens apartment building ablaze; and

WHEREAS, Chief Kevin Ryan of the 17th Battalion ordered Squad 5 to search the building for victims. Thick black smoke and tremendous heat emanating from a second-floor apartment made the crucial task very difficult; and

WHEREAS, Meanwhile, other companies quickly attached hoses to a nearby fire hydrant in order to get water up to the fire on the second floor; and

WHEREAS, Squad 5 swiftly carried out searches of the building, protecting the hallway and stairwell to ensure the safety of the residents in the event of an evacuation. Chief Ryan determined that the residents would be safest by remaining in their apartments, coupled with continual monitoring of their well-being; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Robert A. Popjoy III of Squad 5 entered the apartment where the fire had begun, to search for possible victims. While his comrades worked to extinguish the fire in the bedroom, Firefighter Popjoy and other members of Squad 5 ventilated the heavy smoke from the living room by breaking out windows. As the air cleared, Firefighter Popjoy once again began searching for victims and discovered an elderly man on a couch covered by fallen debris; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Popjoy called for assistance for the victim, who was barely conscious and had difficulty breathing. Initial care was dispensed in the hallway, including assisted breathing. Once the man was stabilized, he was carried downstairs to a Fire Department ambulance; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Fire Department personnel on the scene of this fire executed a well-coordinated plan to save lives, prevent injuries and minimize damage to the apartment building; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Popjoy acted in the finest traditions of the Chicago Fire Department. His heroic actions in battling his way through horrific conditions to save a man's life once again demonstrate the professionalism and dedication which is ingrained in every member 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 fifteenth day of February, 2012, do hereby honor Firefighter Robert Popjoy for his valiant efforts in rescuing a senior citizen from almost certain death; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Firefighter Robert A. Popjoy III of the Chicago Fire Department, and placed on permanent record in his personnel file, as a token of our appreciation and esteem.



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MAYOR

Susana A. Mendez

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