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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

June 27, 2012

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith a congratulatory resolution concerning the Chicago Police 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 JUNE 27, 2012

Whereas, Shortly after midnight on December 27, 2011, 7th District Police Officers Jaysen J. Orkowski (Star Number 2831) and Andres A. Zepeda (Star Number 14393) were on patrol in their marked squad car near 73rd Street and Hermitage Avenue, when they saw a man fire several shots from his handgun at a man at a nearby gas station and then flee toward a waiting car; and

WHEREAS, Determined to apprehend the offender, Officers Orkowski and Zepeda immediately drove toward the gunman, who raised his weapon and aimed it at the officers; and

WHEREAS, Fearing for his life and the life of his partner, Officer Orkowski fired at the offender. The offender jumped into the back seat of the waiting car, which then fled from the area; and

WHEREAS, After communicating the shooting and the direction of the offenders' flight, Officers Orkowski and Zepeda chased the fleeing vehicle. With the officers in hot pursuit, the offenders slammed on their brakes to let the gunman jump out of the vehicle and escape on foot, causing the squad car to collide with the offenders' vehicle; and

WHEREAS, The offender leaped out of the car, which quickly sped away; and

WHEREAS, The offender again pointed his handgun at the pursuing officers. Officer Orkowski once again fired at the offender, causing him to drop to the ground, and allowing the officers to capture the gunman and recover his weapon, a 9 millimeter semi-automatic handgun, still loaded with 7 live rounds; and

WHEREAS, The fleeing car was recovered nearby by fellow responding officers; and

WHEREAS, Officer Orkowski and Officer Zepeda both sustained injuries from the vehicle crash, but were treated and released from MacNeal Hospital. The victim of the shooting sustained a gunshot wound to the shoulder, and was treated and stabilized at a local hospital; and

WHEREAS, A subsequent investigation revealed that the offender was a convicted felon, and he was charged with a number of offenses, including two counts of aggravated assault of a police officer and unlawful use of a firearm by a felon; and

WHEREAS, Thanks to the courage and determination of these officers, a dangerous criminal was taken off the streets of Chicago; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twenty-seventh day of June, 2012, do hereby applaud Police Officers Jaysen J. Orkowski and Andres A. Zepeda for their heroic and outstanding efforts under life-threatening conditions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to Police Officers Jaysen J. Orkowski and Andres A. Zepeda, and placed on permanent record in their personnel files, as a token of our honor and esteem.



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MAYOR

Susana A. Mendoza

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