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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 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 JUNE 27, 2012

Whereas, On the morning of March 26, 2012, several companies from the Chicago Fire Department's 1st District responded to a call for help at a fire at 13 South Whipple Street; and

WHEREAS, The first-arriving crews discovered a fast-spreading fire in an apartment building and immediately sprang into action, positioning their equipment to battle the flames; and

WHEREAS, Hose lines were stretched to attack the blaze and protect adjacent properties, aerial and ground ladders were deployed for rooftop ventilation and possible rescue operations, and firefighters began to search the building for civilians; and

WHEREAS, In the heat and commotion, one firefighter, who had just finished attaching an engine to a nearby fire hydrant, suddenly collapsed, suffering from cardiac arrest. An emergency radio transmission went out, calling for an ambulance for the downed, unconscious firefighter; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter/Paramedic Enrique Carrillo of Truck 35 saw his comrade collapse, as he was raising a ladder along the north side of the burning building. Without hesitation, Firefighter/Paramedic Carrillo immediately grabbed a defibrillator from Engine 26 and raced to the aid of the stricken firefighter; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter/Paramedic Carrillo quickly administered the defibrillator treatment, successfully shocking the unconscious firefighter out of ventricular fibrillation and back into a normal heart rhythm; and

WHEREAS, At this time, Ambulance Commander Jill Gariti and Fire Paramedic Kevin Farrow arrived in Ambulance 45 and took over the next phase of emergency treatment for the downed firefighter. They quickly transferred him into the ambulance, where he received additional advanced life support measures, and transported him to Rush University Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, Thanks to the efforts of his fellow first responders, the downed firefighter arrived alert and conscious at Rush University Medical Center, where a second ventricular fibrillation was successfully treated. He received additional advanced care at the hospital, and has since been released; and

WHEREAS, The scene of a fire is often hectic and fast-paced, a place where extraordinary physical action, quick thinking, and teamwork can make the difference between life and death. By relying on each other for support, and through exceptional skill and valor, Chicago's fire personnel in this instance showed their effectiveness in dealing with an unforeseeable emergency within an emergency; and

WHEREAS, Because of the quick, coordinated response and the extraordinary grace under pressure exhibited that day in front of the burning building at 13 South Whipple Street, the life of a Chicago firefighter was saved; and

WHEREAS, The valor, discipline, and teamwork shown by Firefighter/Paramedic Carrillo, Ambulance Commander Gariti, and Fire Paramedic Farrow 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-seventh day of June, 2012, do hereby honor Firefighter/Paramedic Enrique Carrillo, Ambulance Commander Jill Gariti, and Fire Paramedic Kevin Farrow of the Chicago Fire Department for their outstanding rescue of a fallen colleague; and

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




MAYOR


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