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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

December 11, 2013

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,

[signature: Rahm Emanuel]

Mayor

A resolution

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

Whereas , Shortly after 10:00 p.m. on April 28, 2013, Chicago Police Officer Ronald D. Coleman (Star #5922), assigned to the Narcotics Division, was off duty near the intersection of West Jackson Boulevard and South Leavitt Street; and

WHEREAS, Officer Coleman was parking his car when a maroon four-door sedan stopped directly across from him and two men armed with handguns exited the vehicle; and

WHEREAS, With no warning, the two men fired their weapons multiple times, striking a man standing on the street nearby, then leapt back into their vehicle and sped off; and

WHEREAS, Officer Coleman immediately called 911 to report the shooting and followed the sedan as it fled south on Leavitt Street, then west toward the expressway; and

WHEREAS, Approaching a stoplight, Officer Coleman spotted the sedan stopped in traffic in the far-left lane of traffic, across from an Illinois State Trooper conducting a traffic stop in the far-right lane; and

WHEREAS, Seizing this opportunity, Officer Coleman exited his car and quickly approached the sedan while announcing his office. In response, one of the passengers turned toward Officer Coleman and raised his handgun; and

WHEREAS, Fearing for his life and the lives of innocent bystanders, Officer Coleman fired his weapon at the gunman, striking him in the neck and arm; and

WHEREAS, As the sedan began moving westbound and one of the men jumped out and fled on foot, Officer Coleman identified himself to the State Trooper, who got in his cruiser and tried to follow the sedan; and

WHEREAS, Chicago police officers quickly responded to Officer Coleman's 911 call, captured the injured gunman a few blocks away, and took him into custody without incident, while nearby, paramedics arrived at the scene of the original shooting and treated that victim for a gunshot wound to his leg; and

WHEREAS, An intense search of the area resulted in the discovery of the sedan and the arrest of the second gunman, a passenger and the getaway driver, as well as the seizure of one of the weapons used by the gunmen, a .45 caliber revolver with five expended cartridges; and

WHEREAS, The two gunmen, both gang members and convicted felons, were charged with attempted first-degree murder, aggravated assault of a Police Officer, and unlawful use of a weapon by a felon; and

WHEREAS, After an investigation revealed that the shooting was a gang retaliation, the man who ordered the shooting was also located and arrested; and

WHEREAS, The quick and courageous response by Police Officer Coleman, even while off-duty, demonstrates the dedication of Chicago's law enforcement personnel. Officer Coleman's actions resulted in removing five dangerous and armed offenders from the streets of Chicago. He exemplifies the finest tradition of the Chicago Police Department; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this eleventh day of December, 2013, do hereby honor Chicago Police Officer Ronald D. Coleman for his display of bravery in the face of grave personal peril; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Chicago Police Officer Ronald D. Coleman, and placed on permanent record in his personnel file, as a token of our gratitude and esteem.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK