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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL  
MAYOR

February 5, 2014

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rahm Emanuel".

Mayor

# A resolution



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

Presented by MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL on FEBRUARY 5, 2014

**Whereas**, At approximately one o'clock in the morning on December 28, 2013, the Office of Emergency Management notified the Chicago Fire Department of a burning building at 1806 South Harding Avenue, in the North Lawndale neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, Engine 38 and Truck 48 arrived first on the scene, where they discovered a two-story apartment building ablaze; and

**WHEREAS**, Observing heavy fire venting from a window on the second floor, Relief Lieutenant James Flynn of Engine 38 ordered his personnel to run a hose line to that location; and

**WHEREAS**, Occupants of the first-floor apartment frantically notified Lieutenant Flynn that a woman was trapped on the second floor; and

**WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Flynn immediately contacted OEMC to request back up, then donned his Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus equipment and entered the burning building; and

**WHEREAS**, Proceeding to the second floor, Lieutenant Flynn encountered heavy smoke and intense fire, and lowered himself to the floor, lying on his stomach to best assess the situation; and

**WHEREAS**, Lieutenant Flynn peered through the smoke into the second-floor apartment, where he located an apparently unconscious person slumped over a dining room chair; and

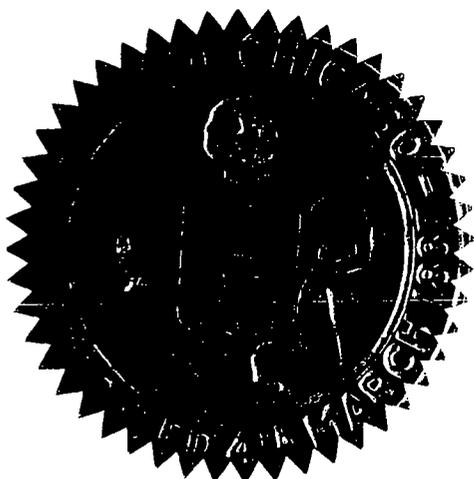
**WHEREAS**, At great risk to his own safety, Lieutenant Flynn crawled to the woman, eased her to the floor, and dragged her back to the stairway landing, where personnel from Trucks 32 and 48, and Engine 38, assisted in removing her from the building and placing her in an ambulance for transport to Stroger Hospital ;and

**WHEREAS,** Although the victim suffered severe burns and smoke inhalation, she is expected to make a full recovery; and

**WHEREAS,** Thanks to his quick thinking, fortitude, and, above all, remarkable courage, Lieutenant Flynn played the leading role in saving a civilian from near-certain death, and in the process lived up to the demanding standards and expectations that come with the privilege of serving as a 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 fifth day of February, 2014, do hereby honor Relief Lieutenant James Flynn for his valiant, life-saving efforts; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Lieutenant Flynn, and placed on permanent record in his personnel file, as a token of our appreciation and esteem.



*Ral Emanuel*  
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MAYOR

*Susana A. Mendez*  
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