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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL  
MAYOR

November 12, 2014

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith a congratulatory resolution concerning Department of Buildings Inspector William Guinane.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Mayor

Very truly yours,

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*adopted by the City Council*

*of the City of Chicago, Illinois*

NOVEMBER 12, 2014

*on*

MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL

*resented by*

**Whereas**, During the noon hour on Friday, July 25, 2014, William Guinane, a recently hired inspector employed by the City of Chicago's Department of Buildings, was walking in the Loop on his way to conduct an inspection when he heard a woman scream that her purse had been stolen; and

WHEREAS, Seeing the thief running toward him with the woman's purse in hand, Mr. Guinane sprang into action; and

WHEREAS, Acting without regard for his own personal safety, Mr. Guinane blocked the thief's path, causing the man to drop the woman's purse; and

WHEREAS, After securing the purse so that it could be returned to its rightful owner, Mr. Guinane followed the assailant to a nearby fast-food restaurant; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Guinane then flagged down an Illinois State trooper, who handcuffed the thief until the Chicago Police Department arrived on the scene to take him into their custody; and

WHEREAS, After filing a police report, and without missing a beat, Mr. Guinane immediately proceeded to his next scheduled inspection; and

WHEREAS, It subsequently came to light that the woman, whose purse had been stolen, was a fellow city worker employed by the Chicago Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, Thanks to Mr. Guinane's quick thinking, his courage and his willingness to take personal risks for the benefit of others, a thief was removed from Chicago's streets and a crime victim's property and peace of mind were restored to her; and

**WHEREAS, All of Chicago, and, most especially, Mr. Guinane's colleagues in the Chicago Department of Buildings, are proud of Mr. Guinane, who went beyond the call of duty to help a fellow citizen and, in so doing, exemplified what it truly means to be a public servant; now, therefore,**

**BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twelfth day of November, 2014, do hereby honor and commend City of Chicago Department of Buildings Inspector William Guinane for his selfless actions in pursuit of justice for the innocent victim of a crime; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to City of Chicago Department of Buildings Inspector William Guinane, and placed on permanent record in his personnel file, as a token of our appreciation and esteem.**