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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

March 16,2016

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith a congratulatory resolution regarding the Chicago Fire Department. Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Mayor

Very truly yours,

Adopted by the City Council

of the City of Chicago, Illinois

presented by MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL

At approximately 11:55 p.m. on May 21, 2015, Paramedic Wendell Perkins-Smoot of the Chicago Fire Department, while off-duty, came upon a horrific accident on the Dan Ryan Expressway; and

WHEREAS, The victim in the accident had been thrown approximately 100 feet from his motorcycle and suffered injuries to his head, hip, and thigh; and

WHEREAS, Paramedic Perkins-Smoot immediately reacted, positioning his personal vehicle to block the victim from further injury from the high-speed traffic; and

WHEREAS, Ignoring the significant risk, Paramedic Perkins-Smoot put himself in harm's way by getting out of his vehicle and onto the expressway to render medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, Paramedic Perkins-Smoot immobilized the victim to prevent any further injury and to protect his head and spine, and also worked to control his profuse bleeding; and

WHEREAS, Engine Company 54 and Ambulance 24 soon arrived to care for the victim, and Paramedic Perkins-Smoot continued to assist in the man's care until he was on the way to the hospital; and

WHEREAS, Had it not been for the courage and quick action of Paramedic Perkins-Smoot, the victim would likely have suffered further grievous injury or death; and

WHEREAS, We applaud Paramedic Perkins-Smoot for his extraordinary display of professionalism and lifesaving intervention; and

WHEREAS, Paramedic Perkins-Smoot was a candidate at the time of this incident, having been a Chicago paramedic for only nine months, and since then has successfully completed his training. His courage, bravery and dedication exemplify the professionalism 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 sixteenth day of March, 2016, do hereby commend Paramedic Wendell Perkins-Smoot for his professionalism, dedication, and selfless efforts on behalf of the citizenry of Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Paramedic Wendell Perkins-Smoot of the Chicago Fire Department, and placed on permanent record in his personnel file, as a token of our appreciation and esteem.

MAYOR

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