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### OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL  
MAYOR

October 11, 2017

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith, together with Aldermen Reboyras, Burke, Curtis, Thompson, O'Shea, Cochran, Sposato and Taliaferro, a resolution honoring the life and memory of Chicago Police Officer Bernard Domagala.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Mayor

Very truly yours,

**Burke, Derrick G. Curtis, Patrick D.**  
**Thompson, Mathew J. O'Shea, Willie Cochran, Nicholas**  
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Members of this Chamber were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Chicago Police Officer "Bernie" Domagala (Star # 8996) on September 5, 2017; at the age of 66 from a gunshot wound he sustained in the line of duty over

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years ago; and he met the love of his life, Denise, they were married and blessed to raise three sons, Erik, Craig, and Adam; and

WHEREAS, becoming a Chicago Police Officer was a lifelong dream of Bernie's, and he was appointed to the Chicago Police Department as a patrolman on May 18, 1978; and

WHEREAS, while serving his city as a police officer, Bernie enjoyed and embraced the challenges that came along with the job; as evidenced by his assignment to the Gang Crimes South Unit, as well as the A-H Terrorist Unit; and

WHEREAS, On the afternoon of July 14, 1988, Bernie responded to a hostage situation involving a heavily armed gunman at 7237 S. Stony Island Avenue; and

WHEREAS, As Bernie and his fellow officers surrounded the property, Bernie peered around the corner from his position for a split second and was shot in the forehead by the gunman; and

WHEREAS, Bernie was rushed to Michael Reese Hospital, where he underwent six hours of surgery to remove the bullet; and

WHEREAS, As a result of the traumatic injuries he suffered that day, Bernie would require surgeries, therapy, and medical attention for the rest of his life; and

WHEREAS, In spite of their severity, Bernie never let his injuries get the better of him. He continued to display his love and passion for the Chicago Police Department, often telling stories about his time as a police officer and about his family; and

WHEREAS, As a husband, father, police officer, and vital member of his community and our City, Bernie touched the lives of all who knew him with his kindness, generosity, and spirit. He will be deeply missed, but the memory of his character, intelligence, and compassion will live on in his beloved wife Denise, his sons Erik, Craig, and Adam, and in all those who knew and loved him; and

WHEREAS, The legacy of Bernie's dedication, devotion, strength, perseverance, and sacrifice serves as an example to us all, and has earned him the respect of all who knew him; now, therefore,

RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this eleventh day of October, 2017, do hereby mourn the passing of Officer Bernard Domagala, and do hereby extend our most sincere condolences to his family and friends; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Officer Domagala as a sign of our honor, gratitude and respect for his life and his service to