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eYeaS , in the dead of night of June 19, 2013, companies of the 8^h Battalion of the Chicago Fire Department responded to an urgent residential call on the 5900 block of West Grace Street; and

WHEREAS, The crew of Engine 94 discovered a fire in the basement of a brick bungalow and began running a hose line to the building's rear entrance; and

WHEREAS, Upon arriving at the scene, the 8^th Battalion Chief received a report of a person trapped in the basement of the home, and ordered firefighters from Truck 57 to conduct a search and rescue operation; and

WHEREAS, Undeterred by the extreme heat and billowing smoke, the firefighters plunged into the burning basement to search for victims; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Theodore Sullivan quickly discovered a man, weakened by the flames, whose medical condition made it impossible for him to escape the fire on his own; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Sullivan lost no time, immediately calling for assistance, and, with the help of a comrade, removing the stricken man from the conflagration; and

WHEREAS, Emergency medical technicians from Ambulance 20 then took over, providing life-sustaining treatment while transporting the victim to a nearby hospital; and

WHEREAS, The true test in every fire rescue is the amount of time taken to complete the operation - literally every second counts in these life-or-death situations, and, in this instance, Firefighter Sullivan passed this test with flying colors; and

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**WHEREAS, Basement fires present especially hazardous and daunting tactical challenges, making Firefighter Sullivan's efforts all the more remarkable and worthy of special commendation; and**

**WHEREAS, The courage and dedication of Firefighter Sullivan is emblematic of our Fire Department, which stands ready every day to protect the lives and property of the people of Chicago; 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 September, 2013, do hereby honor Firefighter Theodore Sullivan for both his outstanding professional skill and his willingness to risk his own life to save the life of another; and**

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

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL  
MAYOR

September 11, 2013

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,'