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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
April 30, 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.

Mayor

Very truly yours,

adopted by Tfoe Gity GoUHCII

of the City of Ghicago, Illinois

MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL

On the morning of February 9, 2014, a frigid day in the midst of one of the coldest winters in our city's history, the Chicago Fire Department received a call reporting a person trapped on the frozen surface of Lake Michigan; and

WHEREAS, While en route to the reported location at 4200 North Lakefront, the responders, including Squad 1 of the Fire Department, learned that the person in danger was an autistic child who had left her mother's side and wandered out onto the ice; and

WHEREAS, The companies that arrived first on the scene saw no sign of the child or her mother; and

WHEREAS, The mother, who was still on the phone with the main fire alarm office, frantically described her position as north of the clock tower at Marovitz Golf Course; and

WHEREAS, Upon arriving and noting the other responders moving north. Squad 1 personnel made the tactical decision to use binoculars to scan the lakefront to the south, on the outside chance that the child's mother had inadvertently misdescribed her location; and

WHEREAS, Squad 1 personnel immediately spotted the victim and her mother, three blocks to the south; and

WHEREAS, Wasting no time, Squad 1 personnel reported their findings via radio, and set off on foot through the deep snow, carrying their ladders and water rescue equipment; and

WHEREAS, The firefighters reached the shore and quickly staged the necessary equipment for a rescue operation; and

WHEREAS, Squad 1 personnel retrieved the child, who they discovered was walking barefooted, more than 20 feet from land; and

WHEREAS, Were it not for the quick thinking and actions of the members of Squad 1, the child certainly would have suffered severe injury, and perhaps even death; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this thirtieth day of April, 2014, do hereby honor the following members of Squad 1 of the Chicago Fire Department for their valiant, life-saving efforts: Lieutenant/EMT Brandon Dyer, Firefighter/EMT Joseph Pullano, Firefighter/EMT Michael J. Mulligan, Firefighter Craig Magis, Firefighter/EMT Clarence E. Norwood III, and Firefighter/EMT Daniel Truesdale; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to these courageous members of the Chicago Fire Department, and placed on permanent record in their personnel files, as a token of our appreciation and esteem.

MAYOR

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