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## Legislation Text

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### **City of Chicago Resolution Honoring Martin F. Gainer**

WHEREAS, The Mayor and members of the City Council of Chicago honor the 25 years Martin F. Gainer served in the Chicago Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Martin was born on August 13, 1952 to Frank and Mary Gainer and was one of ten children; he went on to graduate from St. Margaret of Scotland Grammar School and Mendel High School

WHEREAS, By 1971, Martin enlisted in the United States Army; he began basic training at Fort Polk, Louisiana; later that year he completed Equipment Storage Specialist School, serving until 1974 and rising to the position of Specialist Fourth Class; and

WHEREAS, In 1978, Martin became a prominent member of the Veterans Of Foreign Wars of The United States; and

WHEREAS, Martin Gainer, following the family legacy of his father and four brothers, began Basic Police Officer Training in 1985, moving into the positions of Patrol Officer and Tactical Officer interchangeably in the 21<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Chicago Police Districts respectively until 1991; and

WHEREAS, By September of 1991, Martin took over as Task Force Officer detailed to The Chicago Police/Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force, where he was responsible for narcotics interdiction at both O'Hare and Midways airports, Amtrak Union Station and other points of entry into Chicago; and

WHEREAS, In 1994, Martin joined the National Association of Technical Investigators; and

WHEREAS, Martin Gainer became Police Technician I in September of 1994, completing additional training in different aspects of electronic surveillance techniques; the position includes telephonic overhears, audio and video surveillance, installation and maintenance of Pen Register equipment as it relates to court ordered wiretaps; and

WHEREAS, In August of 1999, Martin was awarded a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal/Social Justice from Lewis University in Romeoville, Illinois where he graduated with the highest honors; and

WHEREAS, By May of 2003, Martin was awarded a Master of Business Administration Degree with an Area of Specialization in Training and Performance Management at St. Xavier University-Graham School of Management; later that year in November, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant with the 22<sup>nd</sup> District Chicago Police Force; and

WHEREAS, In January 2003, Martin was assigned to the position of Patrol Supervisor with the responsibility

of monitoring 22 police officers and their assigned patrol duties; and

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WHEREAS, From April 2004 until January 2007, Martin served as Supervising Sergeant of the Technical Services Unit of the Organized Crime Division before resuming his position as Patrol Supervisor, from 2007 to 2010 he served as Community Relations Sergeant with extreme professionalism, compassion and understanding; and

WHEREAS, Martin Gainer acquired numerous commendations including: Nine Department Commendations, Two Special Commendation Awards, Seventy Eight Department Honorable Mentions, a Drug Enforcement Administration Certificate of Appreciation and a Certificate of Appreciation awarded by Her Majesties Customs and Excise Service in the case of Olutunbosum OLAKU; and

WHEREAS, Martin has moved beyond serving his community through the Chicago Police Department, by helping neighbors, while off duty, with problems ranging from floods to tree removal, and

WHEREAS, Through retirement, Martin will have more time to spend with his wife of 31 years, Marianne and his daughters Courtney, Liz, and Kerry; and

WHEREAS, Through retirement, Martin will have more time to root for his team, the Chicago Cubs, and add to his athletic feats such as shooting an Eagle on the 7<sup>th</sup> hole of the Evergreen Golf Course or honing his softball skills and during his softball career, through no fault of his own and entirely due to an outlaw, has only missed one game now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the City Council of Chicago, assembled this November 3, 2010 do hereby express our appreciation to Martin F. Gainer upon his retirement for his time and commitment in preserving the integrity, professionalism and respect of the Chicago Police Department while protecting the City of Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor and the members of the City Council of Chicago provide Martin F. Gainer with a suitable copy of this resolution as an expression of our appreciation.