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CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

September 20, 2018

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith, together with Alderman Garza, a resolution honoring Department of Buildings employee Ismael Cuevas.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Mayor

Very truly yours,

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adopted by Tib Gity QoUHcil

of the Qity of Gkicago, Illinois

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Alderman Susan Sadlowski-Garza and

resented by Mayor Rahm Emanuel

qjj September 20, 2018

8YB&S , On the afternoon of July 18, 2018, Inspector Ismael Cuevas, a proud resident of the City's southwest side for 30 years and employed in the City of Chicago's Department of Buildings for 18 years, was responding to a call for an inspection in the 5900 block of South Prairie Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Upon arriving at the apartment building, Inspector Cuevas proceeded to the second-floor apartment where the 3-1 -1 call originated; and

WHEREAS, Inspector Cuevas knocked on the door and a young boy, about five years old, answered the door. As the door opened, smoke billowed out of the apartment and the inspector felt a blast of heat; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing the imminent danger, Inspector Cuevas sprang into action; and
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WHEREAS, With no concern for his own safety, Inspector Cuevas ran into the apartment, shouting "the apartment is on fire" and saw a woman on the phone. After she completed her call to 9-1-1, he quickly escorted her and the little boy out of the apartment. While the two occupants exited the building, Inspector Cuevas then rushed up to the third floor and pounded on the apartment door. A young man answered the door; and

WHEREAS, Inspector Cuevas informed the occupant that the building was on fire and that he and his family needed to leave immediately; and

WHEREAS, Inspector Cuevas then ran down the stairs to the first floor and knocked loudly on the apartment door, shouting that the building was on fire; and

WHEREAS, Shortly thereafter, Chicago Fire Department trucks arrived and Inspector Cuevas informed firefighters that he had cleared everyone out of the second and third-floor apartments and that there was no response on the first floor; and

WHEREAS, As a result of the bravery and quick thinking of Inspector Ismael Cuevas, people's lives were saved. Going well above and beyond the call of duty, Inspector Cuevas proved himself to be a great

credit to the City of Chicago workforce; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twentieth day of September, 2018, do hereby honor Department of Buildings Inspector Ismael Cuevas for his display of bravery and dedication in the face of serious injury or worse; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Ismael Cuevas, and placed on permanent record in his personnel file, as a token of our gratitude and esteem.