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RESOLUTION HONORING ALONSO J. GARZA ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, We the members of Chicago City Council wish to extend our congratulations to Chicago Police Officer Alonso J. Garza for his service to the City of Chicago and for his retirement, and,

WHEREAS, Alonso J. Garza began his police career with the Cook County Forest Preserve Police department. On May 3, 1993 he started the Chicago Police academy in a "Metro class" consisting of suburban probationary police recruits. On August 2, 1993, Officer Garza graduated from the Chicago Police academy and became a state certified police officer, and,

WHEREAS, Officer Garza first assignment was patrolling the central Cook County Forest Preserves, which he did for 9 years. Officer Garza was assigned to the mounted unit for 2 years in which he rode a horse throughout all of Cook County. Over the course of Officer Garza's time at the Forest Preserve Police, Officer Garza earned a Life Saving award, was elected a Trustee for his local FOP lodge #166, became a state certified Field Training Officer, team member of the DEA cannabis search & eradication program, and the ATV & Snowmobile Patrol, and,

WHEREAS, On January 26, 2004, Officer Garza continued his police career with the Chicago Police Department. Upon graduating a second time from the police academy, Officer Garza was assigned to the 9th district Deering station at 3501 S. Lowe, and,

WHEREAS, During Officer Garza's time in the 9th district he served in a Beat car, Incident car (Beat 906G), CAPS office-District Business Liaison Officer (907B), he served as liaison to the Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council and South Loop Chamber of Commerce, Special Events Director/Coordinator for CAPS Day and National Night Out, helped organize the 9th District Christmas Parties (2006 thru 2010), representative for St Jude Police League & Chicago Police Memorial Foundation (2006-2014), and,

WHEREAS, On December 14, 2008, after going to school at night, Officer Garza earned his Master of Science Degree in Public Safety Administration with an Emphasis on Global Terrorism from Calumet College of St. Joseph. He also earned the Kappa Gamma Pi - National Catholic College and graduated Honor Society membership, and,

WHEREAS, In 2015 Officer Garza transferred to the Court section and worked at the courts located at 51st and Wentworth and later to 26th California working in the Central Bond Court and the Police Assembly room, and,

WHEREAS, Officer Garza has earned the following awards throughout his career with the Chicago Police Department;

Department Commendation
Special Service Award
Cook County Sheriff's Award of Merit
2004 Crime Reduction Ribbon
Presidential Election Deployment Award
2009 Crime Reduction Ribbon
NATO Summit Service Award
2019 Crime Reduction Award
Attendance Recognition Award
Twelve, Department Physical Fitness Awards
Eight, Honorable Mentions
Thirty Six, Complimentary Letters

WHEREAS, Officer Alonso J Garza will be celebrating with family and friends his career in law enforcement after 29 years of service when he retires on June 15, 2022, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and members of the Chicago City Council, gather here this twenty seventh of April, 2022, do hereby offer our heartfelt congratulations to Chicago Police Officer Alonso J.

Garza on his retirement; and,

SILVANA TABARES Alderman, 23rd Ward

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Alonso J. Garza as a token of appreciation and blessed wishes.