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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

January 23, 2019

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith, together with Aldermen Reboyras, Burnett, Dowell and Santiago-congratulatory resolution concerning the Chicago Police Department.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Mayor

Very truly yours,

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adopted by Qfiy QoUHcH

City of Chicago, Illinois

Aldermen Ariel Reboyras, Pat Dowell, Walter Burnett, Milly Santiago and
resented by Mayor Rahm Emanuel on January 23, 2019

Whereas, In early January of this year, Principal Rebecca Parker of Ray Graham Training Center High School was working with a homeless student who was a victim of domestic violence, and therefore afraid to return to where she was living; and

WHEREAS, When her efforts to support the student were exhausted, Principal Parker sought help from the Chicago Police Department to ensure the student's safety and find a new place for her to stay; and

WHEREAS, Field Training Officer Julifa Grabowski (Star #46.11), and Probationary Police Officers Kyron Feggins (Star #5592), and Guillermo Rentas, Jr. (Star #6082) responded to the school to provide assistance; and

WHEREAS, Having already been advised that the student- hijd s^ needs, the officers took £xtra time 'tp Qglrniy explqinTo.her that;fhj^vve^ trust was not an eas.yj-t.qsk. because .her abuser had threathed/herr.thdt she would be taken to jail if she cqllecl the police; and

WHEREAS, Over several hours, the officers attempted to ffind a shelter for the student. Rather than accept any available shelter in order to simply complete the assignment, the officers Used their combined, experience and knowledge to evaluate each option and reject those that could not provide the student with the support that she needed; and

WHEREAS, When they concluded that no shelter option would be suitable, the' officers had no choice but to take the student to a nearby hospital. The student became upset when she learned that they were moving her away from the school, but Officer Feggins was able to calm her, and provided her with a pen and notebook to use for drawing and writing to cope with her anxiety; and

WHEREAS, Officer Rentas drew upon his training and experience from working with special needs students to explain what was happening in a way that the student could understand; and

WHEREAS, Officer Grabowski worked directly with Principal Parker to share resources that could be used to support the student and her family after the officers left; and

WHEREAS, The selfless actions of Officers Feggins, Rentas, and Grabowski exemplify

their dedication to duty-and commitment to the community, values inherent in all who serve in the Chicago Police Department; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twenty-third day of January, 2019, do hereby express our admiration and gratitude to Chicago Police Officers Julita Grabowski, Kyron Feggins, and Guillermo Rentas, Jr. for their supportive and compassionate response to this student's need for assistance; and . .

-• BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to these officers, and placed on permanent record in their personnel files, as a token of our gratitude and esteem.