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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Chicago Police Department Officers Alejandro Cabral and Juan Zuniga of the Fourth Police District have been credited with saving the life of a 24-year-old shooting victim on July 6, 2016 in the Bush neighborhood on the South Side; and

WHEREAS, Officers Cabral and Zuniga responded to a report of a person shot at approximately 7:30 p.m. in the 8400-block of South Mackinaw Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Upon arrival at the scene, Officers Cabral and Zuniga found a man hunched over a fence who was bleeding from inside his jacket; and

WHEREAS, Officer Cabral, a veteran of the United States Army, and Officer Zuniga, a veteran of the United States Navy, applied pressure to the man's wound; and

WHEREAS, But when those efforts failed to stop the bleeding, Officer Cabral grabbed a QuikClot Combat Gauze from the first aid kit inside his vest and applied it to the man's wound; and

WHEREAS, Officers Cabral had used the combat gauze during his Army training and on civilians while serving in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Officer Cabral purchased the gauze using his department allowance and said that every Chicago police officer should be supplied with the quick-clotting gauze; and

WHEREAS, The expert and speedy intervention by the officers helped to control the wounded man's bleeding until paramedics arrived; and

WHEREAS, Paramedics rushed the victim to Northwestern Memorial Hospital in critical condition; and

WHEREAS, QuikClot Combat Gauze is impregnated with kaolin, a mineral that accelerates the body's natural clotting ability, which helps control bleeding until additional medical attention can be sought; and

WHEREAS, As evidenced by the efforts of Officers Cabral and Zuniga, QuikClot Combat Gauze is easy to use and can help people survive traumatic bleeding, including first responders who may get hurt in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, QuikClot Combat Gauze is used by many municipalities across the United States, putting live-saving products in the hands of law enforcement officials who are often the first points of care on a scene; and

WHEREAS, According to its manufacturer, Combat Gauze and similar products are currently used by law enforcement agencies such as the Austin Police Department, Boston Police Department, Chicago Police Department SWAT, Dallas Police Department, Los Angeles Police Department SWAT, Massachusetts State Police, New Orleans Police Department, New Jersey State Police, Orange County Sheriffs Department, Pennsylvania State Police, San Antonio Police Department, Vermont State Police, Washington State Police, and by all law enforcement officers in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, More than 3000 Chicago police officers have successfully completed the

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Police Department's Law Enforcement Medical and Rescue Training (L.E.M.A.R.T.) Course; and

WHEREAS, Chicago Police Department directives authorize members who have successfully completed the Police Department's L.E.M.A.R.T. course to carry an individual first aid kit; and

WHEREAS, Individual first aid kits are not currently provided to police officers by the Chicago Police Department; now therefore

Alderman Edward M. Burke 14th Ward

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Chicago City Council, do hereby urge the Chicago Police Department to make individual first aid kits containing a hemostatic product such as QuikClot Combat Gauze standard issue to all police officers who have successfully completed the Police Department's L.E.M.A.R.T. course.

Alderman ZPat 11th Ward