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presented by MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL

on OCTOBER 3, 2012

^QIIBTBCIS ' In the late afternoon of August 4, 2012, Truck 40 of the Chicago Fire Department was dispatched to 9500 South Oakley Avenue, the scene of a motorcycle accident; and

WHEREAS, A motorcyclist had been struck by an automobile and had sustained a serious head wound; and

WHEREAS, Several citizens who witnessed the accident were trying to aid the victim; and

WHEREAS, Off-duty Firefighter/EMT Ed Johnson of Truck 40 happened to be shopping near the accident and heard the crash. Acting without hesitation, Firefighter Johnson ran to the victim to render assistance; and

WHEREAS, When Firefighter Johnson arrived at the scene, a citizen was attempting to control the bleeding with an article of clothing. Firefighter Johnson quickly rushed to his car and retrieved a towel, placing it on the man's broken skull so as to cover the wound, and instructed the citizen to continue applying pressure; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Johnson then bolted toward a nearby restaurant to obtain bags of ice. He returned to the victim and applied the ice so as to constrict blood vessels and minimize blood flowing from the injured area; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Johnson's deliberate, competent actions and soothing reassurances had a calming effect on the victim. In addition, he made efforts to maintain the victim's body position to control shock and protect against possible spinal injury due to

unnecessary movements; and

WHEREAS, Additional units of the Chicago Fire Department soon arrived to take over with Advanced Life Support care, then transported the injured man to the nearest trauma center; and

WHEREAS, The quick, decisive actions of Firefighter Ed Johnson were instrumental in the early care and stabilization of a severely injured trauma patient, whose life was likely saved as a result. Firefighter Ed Johnson demonstrated the compassion and professionalism that are the hallmarks of the Chicago Fire Department; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this third day of October, 2012, do hereby honor the skilled and valiant efforts of Firefighter Ed Johnson in saving the life of a motorcycle accident victim; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Firefighter/EMT Ed Johnson of the City of Chicago Fire Department, and placed on permanent record in his personnel file, as a token of our appreciation and esteem.

MAYOR

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RAHM EMANUEL

October 3, 2012

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith a congratulatory resolution concerning the Chicago Fire Department. Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Mayor

Very truly yours,

A redacted signature consisting of a solid black square followed by a thick black diagonal line.