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resented by mayor rahm emanuel on july 24.2013

BYBQS • ,n *he pre-dawn stillness of May 29, 2013, the Chicago Fire Department suddenly received a report of a fire in the 2700 block of North Kenmore Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Moments later, as Battalion 5 rushed to the scene, Chief Tom Gustafson was notified of the possibility that a person was trapped in a bedroom on the building's first floor; and

WHEREAS. Battalion 5 arrived at a four-story residential building engulfed by heavy black smoke billowing out of the rear doorway. Chief Gustafson spotted a man in the alley, who informed the Chief that his roommate was indeed trapped inside the structure; and

WHEREAS, Chief Gustafson, upon confirming this information, radioed Captain Alfred Kiefer of Engine 55, requesting that a hose line be extended to the rear of the building and stressing the urgent need for a rescue attempt; and

WHEREAS, Captain Kiefer immediately rushed down the smoke-filled alley in protective gear, heading to the rear doorway with no hesitation and no assistance; and

WHEREAS. Captain Kiefer entered the doorway and crawled through searing heat and choking smoke into the apartment, where he was able to establish voice contact with

the victim trapped inside; and

WHEREAS, As firefighters outside worked to douse the structure with water, Captain Kiefer instructed the victim to keep talking as he calmly made his way towards the man's voice, heroically persisting despite the smoke and the heat; and

WHEREAS, Soon Captain Kiefer emerged from the smoldering building with the victim, just as his comrades directed water to attack the flames. He transferred the victim to emergency medical teams at the scene, who performed stabilizing treatment and took the man to the hospital; and

WHEREAS, Due to the admirable leadership of Chief Gustafson, the tenacious efforts of Battalion 5 and medical responders, and the tremendous bravery and composure of Captain Kiefer, a potentially deadly fire was subdued with no loss of life; and

WHEREAS, Captain Kiefer and the rest of Battalion 5 demonstrated commendable valor in performing their duties at the highest level and upholding the exemplary traditions 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 twenty-fourth day of July, 2013, do hereby honor Captain Alfred Kiefer of the City of Chicago Fire Department for his skillful, courageous rescue; and

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

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL MAYOR

July 24, 2013

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,