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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL

April 18, 2012

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith a congratulatory resolution concerning the Chicago Police Department.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Mayor

Very truly yours,

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presented by MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL

on

APRIL 18. 2012

QtedS . In the dead of nlgnt of October 31, 2011, 4th District Police Officers Collis A. Underwood Jr. (Star #4449) and Akishe P. Brown (Star #7244), were on patrol and responded to a call of a disturbance in the 8900 block of South Euclid Avenue; and

WHEREAS, The arriving officers were met on the front porch by a frightened girl, who told them that a man with a gun was inside the house hurting her mother; and

WHEREAS, The officers ascertained that offender was the mother's ex-boyfriend. He had forced his way inside, threatened another man in the house with a gun, taken the mother into the bathroom, and tried to kill her by firing a shot at her. The other man had grabbed a knife and attacked the assailant, and the two began a desperate struggle; and

WHEREAS, Disregarding their own safety in light of the incendiary situation, the officers immediately entered the residence. Hearing a commotion in the bathroom, they ran in, and were faced with the horrific sight of all three fighting in the bathtub, drenched in blood; and

WHEREAS, As the officers tried to separate and control the combatants, the ex-boyfriend reached for his handgun. The officers immediately grabbed him and his weapon, pulling him away from the other two and ending the threat. Following his arrest, the offender was charged with Attempted First Degree Murder; and

WHEREAS, These officers never hesitated in entering a highly volatile and lethal situation, without benefit of assist units. Their quick, courageous action may have prevented a homicide and resulted in the apprehension of a dangerous offender; and

WHEREAS, Once inside the house, the officers' calm, clear thinking also avoided a possibly tragic result. Had they chosen to fire at the offender in such close quarters, disaster may have ensued; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this eighteenth day of April, 2012, do hereby congratulate Chicago Police Officers Collis A. Underwood Jr. and Akishe P. Brown for their courage, selfless dedication, excellent judgment and professionalism; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to these members of the Chicago Police Department, and placed on permanent record in their personnel files, as a token of our honor and esteem.