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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL  
MAYOR

April 19,2017

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith, together with Aldermen Reboyras, Laurino and O'Shea, a congratulatory resolution concerning the Chicago Fire Department.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Mayor

Very truly yours,

April 19, 2017

, Aldermen Ariel Reboyras, Margaret Laurino, -'K^'.  
Matthew j. O'Shea, and : ^  
Mavor Rahm Emanuel OM

# 'Whereas

, In the late evening of January 20, .2017, firefighters William Monaco and; D'-f ire Depdrtmentjesponded;to^g.fire:.  
iruthe 7TOO block of South Fairfield Avenue, in the Mdrquette,Park'neighborh66&; an6

' WHEREAS, • Members of .Squad\_Co:mpdpy, -5 arrived with their special rescue, fire ^company and saw heavy fire and thick blqck'smoke billowing from a two-story building;  
and :..X " .■'; i:- ■ ' X." •• J-"-, ..'

• WHEREAS/ Firefighters observed d heavy volume of, fire comingsfrom the' basement and blowing like a torch that reached the eaves of the roof;, and V \o

\_> ." WHEREAS, Acting quickly, the first .engine company Used a deck water gun. to extinguish jhe fire, but the heat was so intense that the blaze flared up a^ihrdnd^^P

WHEREAS, The 20th Battalion Chief, Louis,Bongiornp, ordered Squad Company 5 to search.the two-unit building.., Firefighters Monaco and Sewni'g, despiteehcountering thick, heavy,-black smoke, began to search.the first-floor apartment.' Visibility was zero and therrnal imaging camera equipment was ineffective. As-a result, these firefighters had to.rely on-feeling around in the engulfed structure jp their search for possible;victims; and "! '■'■":■ . .. '?:{<"'" -.'" >' ■"■ ' , -.,.■"■'. <:i'0 ,v

WHEREAS, Firefighter-Sewnig-came upon a'bedroom and felt what seemed: to be a lifeless body. With the dsistance of Firefighter Monaco;! Sewhig carried thepefson to the exterior of the,buildihg; and, ; . • Jv ^.iJh^ X ' .-'7"-X.." ;'!.- ..'

. WHEREAS, Both firefighters immediately began administering 'life' saving ■ techniques tothe victim,- q To' year-old girl,. who was not ; breathing and was unresponsive.^ Along.wjth dsistance from^he- ambulance company, they were able to revive the girl using CP.R..Xthe girl was'Ftransported. to Holy Cross Hospital 'and later 'transferred to Loyola Hospital and.-into a hyperbolic chamber. The girl wds'- released.-- from the hospital, less than; a :week dfter nearly dying and is'/expectedJo--'i7i'dke.;qi'full' recovery; and ... '■'. "o\* V ..;-,-■;"-"X.-C ^^v,-. / '■"■"- X "yf "-. ' ;,-/> : V ■ -.. :';;;, .

: WHEREAS, Firefighters Monaco and Sewnig acted quickly, efficiently and with total disregard for their personal safety in performing a successful rescue and averting what could have been a tragedy. Firefighters Monaco and Sewnig performed their duties in the highest tradition 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 nineteenth day of April, 2017; do hereby commend

Firefighters William Monaco and James Sewnig for their skill and courage in rendering

vital assistance to those in desperate need; and; - . - . . . . .

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to

Firefighters Monaco and Sewnig, and placed on permanent record in their personnel

files, as a token of our appreciation and esteem. . . . .

**MAYOR**

**CITY CLERK**