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### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on September 22, 1988, Chicago Police Patrol Officer Irma C, Ruiz, Star #16823 of Area 4 Youth Division and the devoted mother of four children, perished inside the Moses Montefiore School at 1300 South Ashland Avenue at the hands of a rampaging armed felon; and

WHEREAS, on that fateful and tragic day, Officer Irma C. Ruiz became only the third female Chicago Police to be killed in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, Officer Irma C. Ruiz graduated from the Chicago Police Academy on October 1, 1976; and

WHEREAS, Officer Irma C. Ruiz was among the first women assigned to the Grand Crossing District; and

WHEREAS, In her twelve years in the department, Officer Irma C. Ruiz won a department commendation, three honorable mentions and had four complimentary letters added to her personnel file; and

WHEREAS, Officer Irma C. Ruiz and her partner Officer Greg Jaglowski were assigned to the Harrison Area's Youth Division and were a mobile unit that responded to an emergency call at the school; and

WHEREAS, as members of a mobile unit responding to calls, they were summoned to the Montefiore School to escort an unruly student to his home; and

WHEREAS, while in the process of picking up the student, Officer Irma C. Ruiz and Officer Greg Jaglowski received a report that an armed offender had entered the school; and

WHEREAS, the offender, described as a deranged gunman had already killed two other people in an auto parts store and wounded a maintenance worker and a school custodian by the time the officers arrived on the scene; and

WHEREAS, the gunman fired upon the police officers, fatally striking Officer Irma C. Ruiz in the chest and wounding Officer Greg Jaglowski twice in the legs; and

WHEREAS, although seriously injured, Officer Greg Jaglowski managed to return fire killing the offender; and

WHEREAS, Officer Greg Jaglowski eventually recovered from his wounds and received the IACP/Parade magazine "Officer of the Year" award for his heroic actions; and

WHEREAS, according to Chicago Police Superintendent LeRoy Martin, "Had my two officers not been there at the school to pick up a youth, had he (the gunman) not encountered them, I'm afraid we would have had a massacre. Officer (Irma C. Ruiz) sacrificed her life;" and

WHEREAS, the Chicago City Council has been informed of the pending thirtieth anniversary of Officer Irma C. Ruiz courageous actions and tragic passing by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

WHEREAS, Officer Irma C. Ruiz, a warm and caring woman, resided in the Beverly community with her husband Peter and their four children and was deeply devoted to her family and community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and Members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this twenty-fifth day of July 2018, call upon the Chicago Park District leadership to honor the memory of Officer Irma C. Ruiz and hereby rename Walnut Park at 3801 West 45<sup>th</sup> Street, Irma C. Ruiz Park; and

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be presented to the Chicago Park District,  
and to Peter Ruiz the husband of the late Officer Irma C. Ruiz. fJ*

(1/ Edward Alderman -