

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, In recognition of their service and appreciation of their positive community outreach, the Members of this Chamber are pleased to honor Officer John Bauer and Officer Katherina Nowakowski; and

WHEREAS, Officer Bauer and Officer Nowakowski are beloved School Resource Officers at Foreman High School who have made it a point to help students in and outside of school; and

WHEREAS, After Foreman High School student Omarion James tragically lost both his sister and his brother to gun violence, Officer Bauer and Officer Nowakowski took Omarion under their wing and became a mentor to him; and

WHEREAS, When Officer Bauer found out that Omarion was not hearing back from colleges, he contacted the recruiting office at Jacksonville State University on Omarion's behalf, helping Omarion secure a spot at the school with reduced tuition and become the first in his family to go to college; and

WHEREAS, Officer Bauer and Officer Nowakowski helped Omarion both physically and emotionally prepare for and get to college, including Officer Bauer driving him the eleven hours to the campus and starting a GoFundMe to help Omarion pay for college; and

WHEREAS, Omarion is not the only student that Officers Bauer and Nowakowski have assisted during their time at Foreman High School, and they have developed such strong relationships with students that they have even met a student as he left the hospital after months of recuperation from gunshot wounds; and

WHEREAS, Officer Bauer and Officer Nowakowski demonstrate on a daily basis the excellent work that Chicago Police Officers can do all around the City of Chicago; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this fourteenth day of December 2022, do hereby commend Officer John Bauer and Officer Katherina Nowakowski for their service; express to them our heartfelt gratitude forgoing above and beyond the call of duty to help students at Foreman High School; and extend to them our best wishes for continued growth and success; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Officer John Bauer and Officer Katherina Nowakowski, and placed on permanent record in their personnel files, as a sign of our appreciation and esteem.