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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL MAYOR

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 Fire Department. Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Mayor

Very truly yours,



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*of** Qity of Qhicago, Illinois*

presented by MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL

on

APRIL 18. 2012

^QlflBYBCIS . On the early morning of Saturday, February 18, 2012, companies of the Chicago Fire Department's 9th Battalion responded to a fire in the 1200 block of West Lawrence Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Truck 47 arrived on the scene, and Battalion Chief Frank Cambria ordered Firefighter/EMT James Doyle to perform a search of a third-floor apartment. Firefighter Doyle immediately ascended Truck 22's main ladder to the third floor; and

WHEREAS, Despite the heat and fumes, Firefighter Doyle managed to gain entry through a third-floor window. Once inside, he began to search the apartment; and

WHEREAS, Effectively blinded by the dense smoke, Firefighter Doyle had to crawl in a pattern to effectively cover the area, while using his hands to feel for victims. He soon located a 35-year-old man, lying unresponsive, having been overcome by the toxic gases; and

WHEREAS, Realizing that he had to remove the victim from this deadly atmosphere as quickly as possible if there was any chance for survival, Firefighter Doyle exerted a tremendous effort, and was able to bring the man back to the window opening, then lifted his limp body up to and through the window, onto Truck 22's main ladder, a very difficult task for a sole rescuer; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Doyle carried out his rescue in the nick of time, for the fire claimed the third-floor apartment as soon as he began his perilous descent. Firefighter Doyle continued down the ladder with the unconscious man, then transferred care for this seriously injured patient to the capable personnel of Ambulance 31; and

WHEREAS, This victim would have surely perished in the blaze had it not been for the

heroic rescue performed by Firefighter Doyle; and

WHEREAS, Through his remarkable display of professionalism, bravery, and deep sense of commitment to the people of Chicago, Firefighter Doyle exemplified the very highest traditions of the Chicago Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Although many Chicago firefighters and paramedics on the scene that morning contributed to the successful resolution of this emergency, today we especially recognize the exceptional efforts of Firefighter Doyle; 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 honor Firefighter/EMT James Doyle for his valiant efforts in rescuing a man from almost certain death; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Firefighter/EMT James Doyle of the Chicago Fire Department, and placed on permanent record in his personnel file, as a token of our appreciation and esteem.

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