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adopted by The City Council

of the City of Chicago, Illinois

Presented by Mayor Rahm Emanuel on November 15, 2012

Whereas, On October 28, 2012, Engine 93 of the Chicago Fire Department responded to a call for help regarding a fire at 418 West 99th Place; and

WHEREAS, Arriving on the scene, Engine 93 personnel saw heavy smoke billowing from a second-floor window in the front of a two-story brick home. Under the direction of Lieutenant John Majka, company members immediately led out a hose line for an aggressive interior attack; and

WHEREAS, As Lieutenant Majka was preparing to enter the burning house, frantic family members told him that a 94-year-old woman was trapped on the second floor; and

WHEREAS, Keenly aware that every second counted in this situation, Lieutenant Majka ran inside and rushed up the stairs without the protection of a hose line, and began searching for the victim; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Majka arrived at the bedroom, which was engulfed in flames. Fighting off the devastating heat and choking smoke, he pressed forward. Despite the limited visibility, he found the elderly woman on the bed. The woman, weighing approximately 250 pounds, had succumbed to the smoke and was unconscious; and

WHEREAS, Utilizing his 26 years of finely honed firefighting skills, combined with unrelenting strength, Lieutenant Majka was able to pull the unconscious victim from the poisonous atmosphere of the bedroom and into the hallway, and

WHEREAS, In the hall, he was met by his comrades, who were bringing the hose line up the stairs. Firefighter/Paramedic Anthony Licato came forward to assist, and together, they carried the woman downstairs to safety; and

WHEREAS, They quickly brought the victim, who in addition to smoke inhalation was suffering from burns to her arm and face, to Fire Department paramedics for treatment. The woman was then transported to Christ Hospital and is expected to make a full recovery; and

WHEREAS, Because of the quick, coordinated response and the extraordinary grace under pressure exhibited by these Fire Department members in a burning house that day, the life of a Chicago resident was saved; and

WHEREAS, The valor, discipline, and teamwork shown by Lieutenant Majka and Firefighter/Paramedic Licato are in keeping with the finest traditions 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 fifteenth day of November, 2012, do hereby honor Lieutenant John Majka and Firefighter/Paramedic Anthony Licato of the Chicago Fire Department for their outstanding rescue; and

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

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL MAYOR

November 15, 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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