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Committee on Finance

ORDER

WHEREAS, The month of September 2013 marks the 25th anniversary of the brave and ultimate sacrifice made by Chicago Police Officer Irma C. Ruiz in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this event by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and'

WHEREAS, On the morning of September 22, 1988, Chicago Police Officers Inna C. Ruiz and Greg Jaglowski of the Area 4 Youth Division were inside Moses Montefiore School, 1300 South Ashland Avenue, when they were alerted to the arrival of an armed assailant; and

WHEREAS, A deranged Vietnam veteran had come to the school intent on continuing a deadly rampage he had begun at a nearby auto parts business; and

WHEREAS, In the process of confronting the man, Officer Greg Jaglowski was wounded in the left thigh, while Officer Inna C. Ruiz was fatally shot by a bullet that . pierced her heart; and

WHEREAS, As Officer Greg Jaglowski tended to Officer Irma C. Ruiz and radioed for assistance, the gunman stepped inside an unoccupied room and took the opportunity to reload his weapon; and

WHEREAS, Shortly thereafter, the gunman reappeared and opened fire on Officer Greg Jaglowski, shooting him in the right leg; and

WHEREAS,' Displaying the remarkable skill and poise that are hallmarks of Chicago's Finest, Officer Greg Jaglowski, in spite of his serious wounds, returned fire and brought the assailant down with two expertly aimed shots; and

WHEREAS, The courageous intervention and ultimate sacrifice of Officer Irma C. Ruiz protected the students, staff and teachers at Moses Montefiore School from a murderous gunman; and

WHEREAS, Officer Inna C. Ruiz was posthumously decorated with the Blue Star Award, the Award of Valor and the Police Medal, the Chicago Police Department's highest honor; and

WHEREAS, A Chicago public elementary school was named in honor of Officer Irma C. Ruiz; and

WHEREAS, The cherished wife of Peter and the loving mother of Peter, Irma, John and Philip, Officer Irma C. Ruiz leaves a legacy of sacrifice, service and generosity; now, therefore

BE IT ORDERED, That the Public Building Commission is hereby ordered to install a commemorative plaque at Moses Montefiore school to honor the valor and sacrifice of Officer Irma C. Ruiz; and