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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL MAYOR

February 5, 2014

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith a congratulatory resolution concerning the Chicago Police Department.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Mayor

Very truly yours,



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presented by MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL

^QItBTBOIS ' ^{on the aiternoon of June 28}' 2013, a 31-year-old man arrived unannounced at an apartment occupied by an eleven-year-old girl, a friend of his daughter; and

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WHEREAS, The man lured the young girl outside by telling her that he had been sent there to pick her up so that she could attend his daughter's birthday party; and

WHEREAS, Once she was outside, the man forced the girl into his car and drove her to a nearby apartment, where he sexually assaulted her. He then told the girl that he would kill her entire family if she ever told anyone about what had happened; and

WHEREAS, One month later, when the same offender arrived at the girl's apartment and attempted to abduct her again, the brave little girl refused to go with him, then fearfully told her grandmother about her earlier encounter with the man; and

WHEREAS, Detectives Alisa T. Gladney (Star #20686) and Jeanne M. Vogel (Star #20035) from the Chicago Police Department's Special Investigations Unit were assigned to the case. With patience and perseverance, they undertook the extremely difficult and sensitive process of working with the child and her family to piece together sufficient evidence to effect an arrest in connection with this month-old crime; and

WHEREAS, After conducting numerous forensic interviews of the victim and her classmates, and repeatedly searching nearby buildings for evidence of criminal activity, Detectives Gladney and Vogel identified a suspect; and

WHEREAS, A thorough background check of the suspect revealed that he had been convicted of the predatory criminal sexual assault of a 12-year-old girl ten years earlier, resulting in a prison sentence and his registration as a sex offender; and

WHEREAS, Detectives Gladney and Vogel were able to locate and apprehend the suspect without incident. Their expert interrogation of the man uncovered additional evidence of the crime and the man has once again been charged with the crime of predatory criminal sexual assault, as well as kidnapping; and

WHEREAS, Due to Detective Gladney's and Detective Vogel's refusal to let an initial lack of evidence deter them from seeking justice for a young girl, the child and her family may now be comforted by the knowledge that the man responsible for this heinous act has been charged and is facing a potential sentence of life in jail; and

WHEREAS, The professional, tenacious and caring manner in which Detectives Gladney and Vogel conducted their investigation is representative of the excellent work being done every day by members of the Chicago Police Department on behalf of our City's most vulnerable victims; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this fifth day of February, 2014, do hereby honor Chicago Police Detectives Alisa T. Gladney and Jeanne M. Vogel for their dedication and exceptional work on behalf of the residents of Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to Detectives Alisa T. Gladney and Jeanne M. Vogel, and placed on permanent record in each of their personnel files, as a token of our appreciation and esteem.