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CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

May 20, 2015

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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*of** Qity of Qkicago, Illinois*

MAY 20, 2015

WhereCIS . On the afternoon of May 4, 2015, City of Chicago Police Officer Marlene I. Rivera (Star # 19769) of the 14th District was on patrol near the 3100 block of West Armitage Avenue when she heard gunshots close by; and

WHEREAS, Officer Rivera hurried to the site of the shooting, where she saw a young man lying in a parking lot bleeding profusely from an arterial gunshot wound to his leg; and

WHEREAS, Officer Rivera immediately called for an ambulance and Police backup; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing the severity of the young man's injury and that time was of the essence, Officer Rivera sprang into action by removing the young man's T-shirt, balling it up, and using it as a pressure bandage to stop the copious flow of blood from his leg; and

WHEREAS, In response to Officer Rivera's call for assistance, fellow 14th District Police Officer Edwin Pagan (Star # 4338) soon arrived on the scene. Officer Pagan took a belt from a passing pedestrian and, using lessons learned from his recent law enforcement first aid training, created a tourniquet and tightly tied the man's injured leg, which considerably lessened the blood flow; and

WHEREAS, When an ambulance arrived shortly thereafter, both Officer Rivera and Officer Pagan were drenched in blood as a result of their heroic efforts. The Fire Paramedic Chief on the scene commended Officers Rivera and Pagan, stating that, absent their swift, effective actions, the victim would surely have died at the scene; and

WHEREAS, The young man was quickly taken to the hospital for treatment and is now recovering from his injuries; and

WHEREAS, Following the shooting, 14 District officers soon captured both the gunman and his accomplice, and recovered the offender's handgun; and

WHEREAS, The young man survived this horrific incident only because of the courageous and decisive assistance rendered by Officers Rivera and Pagan; and

WHEREAS, These Officers' bravery, quick thinking and determination are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Chicago Police Department; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twentieth day of May, 2015, do hereby honor Police Officer Marlene I. Rivera and Police Officer Edwin Pagan of the Chicago Police Department for their valor, loyalty and dedication to the people of the City of Chicago; and

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