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Resolution Honoring the Teachers of UpBeat Music and Arts

WHEREAS, UpBeat Music and Arts is a non-profit music school that serves over 400 students, a majority of which attend local schools such as Ole A. Thorp Elementary Scholastic School, Belding Elementary School, and Disney II Magnet Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, UpBeat Music and Arts has been a part of the Old Irving Park community for over six years, led by Executive Director Scott Barbeau; and

WHEREAS, On November 19, 2019, the pursuit of a suspect that originated in a neighboring suburb ended in front of UpBeat Music and Arts, which regrettably resulted in a Chicago Police officer and a student intern being seriously wounded; and

WHEREAS, The five teachers present during the unfortunate incident, Jarrett Donoghue, Eric Taylor, Eliza Morris, Katie Little, and Hayley Koch, each acted with the highest levels of bravery and courage; and

WHEREAS, The teachers acted selflessly to protect students from a very present and active danger, with multiple accounts from community members detailing the bravery of the teachers, who "did not hesitate to act, covering students with their bodies, pulling tables over them "; and

WHEREAS, The teachers showed immense composure and leadership by sheltering the students while leading them to safety; and

WHEREAS, A week and a half after the incident, these courageous teachers returned to UpBeat Music and Arts to host an open house with the community in an effort to recognize the trauma experienced by the community and the student by reconnecting and reuniting with the children they are dedicated to serving; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this fifteenth day of January 2020, do hereby recognize the bravery and composes of Jarrett Donoghue, Eric Taylor, Eliza Morris, Katie Little, and Hayley Koch and the resilience of the entire UpBeat Music and Arts community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be prepared and presented to Jarrett Donoghue, Eric Taylor, Eliza Morris, Katie Little, Hayley Koch, and Scott Barbeau.

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