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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO
RICHARD M. DALEY
MAYOR

March 9, 2011

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith a resolution honoring the life and memory of Firefighter Edward J. Stringer, Sr.
Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours.

Resolution

adopted by the City Council

of the City of Chicago, Illinois

presented by MAYOR RICHARD M. DALEY ON MARCH 9, 2011

6T6CIS , All of Chicago grieves the loss of an outstanding man, who was an exemplary citizen and a valiant firefighter, on the morning of Wednesday, December 22, 2010; and

, WHEREAS, Edward J. Stringer, Sr., a twelve-year veteran of the Chicago Fire Department, perished together with his comrade Corey D. Ankum from injuries sustained while battling a blaze on the City's South Side; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Stringer was fighting a fire in a vacant, one-story brick building on East 75th Street when a roof and wall collapsed, wounding him fatally and also injuring seventeen of his comrades; and

WHEREAS, Answering a "Mayday" call that firefighters were trapped in the building, nearly 100 responders, including Fire Commissioner Robert Hoff, rushed to the scene and did everything in their power to get the trapped firefighters out; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Stringer, a member of the Fire Department's Engine 63, was a considerate, generous, neighborly man, who would mow the lawn for his neighbor during warm months and shovel during the winters, and who worked raising money to send child fire victims to burn camp; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Stringer was well known within the Fire Department for his bravery, his willingness to pitch in, his extraordinary sense of humor, and his passion for the job; and
WHEREAS, Firefighter Stringer attended Curie High School, and had an encyclopedic knowledge of the City's features and geography; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Stringer had a genuine zest for life; he enjoyed cooking, a good cocktail,

walks with his dog, Roscoe, listening to rock music, surfing the Facebook website and rooting for his beloved Chicago White Sox; and

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WHEREAS, In his spare time. Firefighter Stringer was an avid motorcycle rider, who also loved to travel and to spend time outdoors at his campsite, fondly known as the "Happy Place"; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Stringer's strength of character and legacy of love survive in the children he left behind, who will always hold dear the memory of their father as an unsurpassed role model and mentor; and

WHEREAS, The loss of such a fine man, fine firefighters, fine parent, and fine friend cannot be adequately measured or put into words; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Stringer is survived by his mother, Joyce; his daughter, Jennifer; and his son, Edward, Jr.; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this ninth day of March, 2011, do hereby extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of Firefighter Edward J. Stringer, Sr. of the Chicago Fire Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the family of Firefighter Edward J. Stringer, Sr. as a sign of our sympathy and deep respect for his service to the City of Chicago.