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#### OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL, MAYOR

May 18, 2011

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith a congratulatory resolution for the Chicago Police Department. Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

# *H resolution*

## *adopted by The City Council of the City of Chicago, Illinois*

<sup>^</sup>Presented by MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL on MAY 18, 2011

BTBCIS ' t<sup>ne</sup> evening of January 28, 2011, a man was walking home in Chicago's West Town neighborhood, when he was approached by three individuals who demanded that their victim turn over his money and cell phone to them; and

WHEREAS, One offender brandished a knife and another threatened the victim with a long-barreled revolver. They then searched the victim's pockets for other valuables; and

WHEREAS, Unbeknownst to the accosted man, 13<sup>th</sup> District Chicago Police Officers Jacob Molina (Star #7626), Peter F. Legler (Star #4310), Michael J. Butzen (Star #11307) and Mariano Garcia (Star #7714) had spotted the trio of offenders an hour earlier in the evening; noticed that they fit the description of three suspects involved in other robberies in the area; and, using unmarked squad cars and a foot patroljigd placed the trio under surveillance; and

WHEREAS, About an hour after the surveillance operation was initiated, Officers Molina and Legler saw the three suspects approach their victim in the 2200 block of West Superior Street and block his path on the sidewalk; and

WHEREAS, The two officers then saw the victim hand items from his pocket to one of the offenders, while the other two offenders patted him down. Seeing this. Officer Molina immediately signaled his partners to move in; and

WHEREAS, After identifying themselves as policemen, Officers Molina, Legler, Butzen and Garcia converged on the three offenders. Two of the offenders were detained immediately. The third offender fled on foot; and

WHEREAS, While Officers Garcia and Butzen handcuffed the first two offenders at the scene, Officers Molina and Legler gave chase to the third offender, catching him a short distance away.

During a search of the fleeing offender, the officers recovered a fully-loaded Smith & Wesson .38 caliber revolver, along with the victim's cell phone; and

**WHEREAS, Returning to the scene of the crime, the officers discovered a knife lying near the female offender and found the victim's wallet in her pocket; and**

**WHEREAS, After being positively identified by the victim, all three offenders were charged with armed robbery; and**

**WHEREAS, Thanks to their astute observations, quick evaluations of the scene, immediate responses, and decisive and concerted efforts, Officers Molina, Legler, Butzen and Garcia apprehended three armed assailants, removed a loaded handgun from the streets, protected an innocent person from harm and reflected great credit on all of the men and women 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 eighteenth day of May, 2011, do hereby applaud Police Officers Jacob Molina, Peter F. Legler, Michael J. Butzen and Mariano Garcia for their dedication, professionalism and valor; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented -to Police Officers Jacob Molina, Peter F. Legler, Michael J. Butzen and Mariano Garcia, and placed on permanent record in each of their personnel files, as a token of our appreciation and esteem.**