

A resolution

presented to *The City Council*
of the *City of Chicago, Illinois*

RESOLUTION HONORING POLICE OFFICER MARY JANE PARKS

WHEREAS, Chicago Police Department Police Officer Mary Jane Parks was among the honorees at the Twenty-Second Annual Mayfair Salute to American Heroes on November 5, 2023; and

WHEREAS, The City Council has been informed of this honor by the honorable Samantha Nugent, Alderman of the 39th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Officer Parks was born in Chicago, Illinois, and grew up in the Bucktown neighborhood. Mary Jane graduated from Northeastern Illinois University, in the 39th Ward, with a degree in Education; and

WHEREAS, Officer Parks is the proud mother of two sons and one daughter, raising them in Chicago along with her partner who is also a proud member of the Chicago Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Officer Parks was first inspired to join the Chicago Police Department with encouragement from friends who were already members of the Department. After graduating from the Chicago Police Academy, Officer Parks began her career as a Police Officer in the 017th District, then serving in the 014th District, before returning to the 017th District where she currently serves as a Community Policing Officer with the Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy "CAPS" Office in advocating for survivors of domestic violence, and senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, Officer Parks has made a lasting impact on the 17th Police District and the communities she has served, especially the senior community; and

WHEREAS, Officer Parks has made countless memories and formed lifelong friendships through her work; and, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, do hereby thank Officer Mary Jane Parks for her service and express our congratulations on this well-deserved honor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Police Officer Mary Jane Parks as a token of our honor, gratitude, and respect.

SAMANTHA NUGENT
Alderman, 39th Ward