RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, On November 25, 2023, Battalion Chief Mauricio "Mo" Rodriguez retired from the Chicago Fire Department following 37 years of dedicated public service; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this occasion by the Honorable James Gardiner, Alderman of the 45th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Chief Rodriguez worked his way to the rank of Battalion Chief after serving as Captain of Engine 116, Relief Lieutenant, and Firefighter on Truck 29;

WHEREAS, Chief Rodriguez received the Medal of Honor for his actions to rescue two unconscious men from a second floor apartment fire on the morning of January 18, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his long and distinguished tenure, Chief Rodriguez upheld the finest traditions of the Chicago Fire Department. His hard work, commitment, and dedication to duty earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and the communities he served; and

WHEREAS, Chief Rodriguez shared his knowledge and experience with those around him and was always willing to teach and learn from colleagues; and

WHEREAS, The leaders of the City of Chicago want to recognize the great debt owed to our public servants and extend our sincerest gratitude for the long and prolific career of Chief Rodriguez; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and the members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 13th day of December, 2023, do hereby express our appreciation for 37 years of service to the people of the City of Chicago, and express our heartiest wishes on a well-deserved retirement to Chief Mauricio Rodriguez; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Chief Mauricio Rodriguez.

JAMES M. GARDINER Alderman, 45th Ward