

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING FALLEN POLICE OFFICER ANDRES M. VASQUEZ LASSO

WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that the members of this chamber have to honor the life of fallen Police Officer Andrés M. Vasquez Lasso lost his life while serving and protecting the City of Chicago. The Chicago City Council has been informed of this resolution by the Honorable Silvana Tabares, Alderman of the 23rd Ward; and

WHEREAS, Andrés was born on June 23, 1990, to his loving parents, Rocio Lasso and Rodrigo Vasquez and left behind his adoring sister Carolina Vasquez and beautiful niece Alejandra Guevara; and

WHEREAS, Andrés was dedicated to his education and from an early age he showed his commitment to learning. He enrolled in the Víctor Quintanilla English academy and the CCED-directed education center, where he began his studies in systems engineering; and

WHEREAS, Andrés emigrated from Colombia to Chicago, carrying with him dreams and goals. He was determined to strive for a better future. He entered San Agustín College to study systems engineering, where he graduated with honors and received a scholarship to study at Devry University and continued his education and pursued his master's degree at Robert Morris University; and

WHEREAS, Andrés spent his free time in the gym, played soccer, and was a fervent supporter of Real Madrid, Deportivo Cali, and the Colombian national team. He had a talent for salsa dancing. Andrés loved the Colombian culinary delights prepared by his mother and sister; and

WHEREAS, His life took a significant turn when he found inspiration in his cousin, Chicago Police Officer Jhon Vasquez, who Andrés admired and guided him to join the police force; and

WHEREAS, For five years, Andrés served the community as an officer in District 8 of the Chicago Police Department. Andrés was a persevering man who always sought to advance in his career. He worked in various units of the police department and aspired to become a detective. His commitment and dedication were focused on improving the safety of the city's residents; and

WHEREAS, WHEREAS, Tragically, his work as a police officer had a sad ending on March 1, 2023. He bravely responded to a domestic violence call, confronting an armed aggressor who ignored his verbal orders to stop and shot him. Andrés lost his life in the line of duty, honoring the motto of "to protect and serve."

WHEREAS, That day left a deep wound in his family, friends, and colleagues. Hundreds of officers gathered to bid farewell to this Colombian hero in an emotional ceremony on March 9, 2023. His legacy of courage, commitment, and service to the community will endure in the memory of all. Andrés M. Vasquez Lasso, a true hero, will be remembered not only for his distinctive officer's badge but also for his smile and unwavering love for his family, friends, and the community he served with honor and dedication. His sacrifice will never be forgotten, and his spirit will live on in our hearts.

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago gathered here this first day of November 2023, do hereby honor the life and memory of Officer Andrés M. Vasquez Lasso and extend to his family and many friends our sincere condolences and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the family of Officer Andrés M. Vasquez Lasso as a sign of our honor and respect.

Silvana Tabares

**Silvana Tabares
23rd Ward, Alderman**