



## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **RESOLUTION HONORING AND THANKING OFFICER JULIO IRIZARRY, OFFICER MERCEDES MARTINEZ, AND SHERIFF'S POLICE SERGEANT CHRIS PLYON FOR SERVICE TO THE FOREST PRESERVES AND PEOPLE OF COOK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS** the officers of the Forest Preserves of Cook County Department of Law Enforcement protect the Forest Preserves and people who visit the Forest Preserves and are sworn officers committed to serving with honor and integrity, and to treating every person with respect, dignity and compassion; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 2, 2021, Forest Preserves Police Officers Julio Irizarry and Mercedes Martinez responded to assist Cook County Sheriff's Police units searching for a woman who was in crisis based on statements made to a colleague; and

**WHEREAS**, Officers Irizarry and Martinez searched Bunker Hill Forest Preserve where the woman was believed to be but was not found, and later when the woman's vehicle was found at a nearby hotel, they responded to the location and, in conjunction with Cook County Sheriff's Police Sergeant Chris Plybon, confirmed the woman had checked into the hotel; and

**WHEREAS**, upon entering the woman's hotel room, the Officers and Sergeant discovered her unconscious and then immediately began to administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) until she began to breathe on her own and paramedics arrived and transported her to a hospital; and

**WHEREAS**, the earlier CPR is initiated, the greater the chances of survival, and the swift actions of Officer Irizarry, Officer Martinez, and Sergeant Plybon likely saved the woman's life.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Toni Preckwinkle, President, and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor and thank Forest Preserves of Cook County Officer Julio Irizarry, Officer Mercedes Martinez, and Cook County Sheriff's Police Sergeant Chris Plybon for their service, dedication, and commitment to public safety.