



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING MILTON GARZA AND HOMERO GUTIÉRREZ FOR THEIR COURAGEOUS ACTIONS THAT LED TO THE ARREST OF AN ATTEMPTED SEXUAL ASSAULT PREDATOR**

**WHEREAS**, the McKinley Park and Brighton Park neighborhoods experienced several attempted sexual assaults in the area during Summer 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 31, 2014, a woman, who was leaving the 35th and Archer Orange Line stop in the McKinley Park neighborhood, was knocked down to the ground by an alleged predator; and

**WHEREAS**, a sexual assault crime was prevented by two concerned citizens who chased off the attacker; and

**WHEREAS**, a week later, on the morning of August 8, 2014, Milton Garza, 17, and Homero Gutiérrez, 21, lifelong residents of Brighton Park, heard the yells of Milton Garza's sister, Zulma Garza, outside of Burroughs Elementary School and rushed to her aid; and

**WHEREAS**, the suspect, who had been following Zulma Garza and is also believed to have attempted the assault on July 31st, quickly fled and was pursued by Milton Garza and Homero Gutiérrez, who promptly alerted the Chicago Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Milton Garza and Homero Gutiérrez spotted the individual almost two blocks away as he knocked down another woman and attempted to assault her sexually; and

**WHEREAS**, Milton Garza and Homero Gutiérrez chased off the suspect once again and gave a precise description of the alleged attacker to the authorities; and

**WHEREAS**, Milton Garza's and Homero Gutiérrez's courageous actions led to the arrest and identification of the alleged predator later that day and possibly prevented future sexual assaults in the McKinley Park, Brighton Park and surrounding neighborhoods.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby thank Milton Garza and Homero Gutiérrez for their persistence and courageous actions that led to arrest of a suspected sexual assault predator and thereby making their community a safer place.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Milton Garza and Homero Gutiérrez with our sincere gratitude.