



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING EMERGENCY DISPATCHER MARC QUATTROCCHI AND PARK RIDGE FIREFIGHTER-PARAMEDICS AARON KUESTER, CHRIS CLEARY, AND BILL SMAHA FOR SAVING THE LIFE OF A NEWBORN

WHEREAS, Ivelina Ivanova did not expect to have a home delivery, but when contractions came rapidly, her husband, Rusi, dialed 911; and

WHEREAS, during the labor process Rusi noticed that the umbilical cord was wrapped around the baby's neck; and

WHEREAS, Marc Quattrocchi, an alarm operator with the Regional Emergency Dispatch Center, answered the emergency call and talked the father through the complicated delivery, instructing him to slide his finger under the cord without stretching the cord in order to remove it from the baby's head; and

WHEREAS, Rusi followed the instructions of the dispatcher; and

WHEREAS, minutes later, Park Ridge firefighter-paramedics Aaron Kuester, Chris Cleary, and Bill Smaha arrived at the family's home and were handed the seemingly lifeless baby; and

WHEREAS, the firefighter-paramedics worked rapidly to get the baby breathing by suctioning her mouth and nose and stimulating her to try to get her to cry; and

WHEREAS, the firefighter-paramedics successfully opened up the baby's airways; and

WHEREAS, after the ordeal, baby, Mom, and Dad were doing fine as they followed up at Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge; and

WHEREAS, parents Ivelina and Rusi as well as dispatcher Quattrocchi and firefighter-paramedics Kuester, Cleary, and Smaha remained composed and focused during this most stressful of situations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor Dispatcher Quattrocchi and firefighter-paramedics Kuester, Cleary, and Smaha for their quick response and life-saving efforts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a ceremonial copy of this resolution be presented to the dispatcher and paramedics as a sign of the Board's gratitude.