

**WHEREAS,
FIREFIGHTER ANTHONY RUEDA**

has been a member of the Milwaukee Fire Department since January 19, 2003; and

WHEREAS, On May 22, 2008, Firefighter Anthony Rueda and his fellow crew members were dispatched to a home fire in the City of Milwaukee; and

WHEREAS, Upon arrival, Firefighter Anthony Rueda and Fire Captain Theodore Stribling entered the home to perform search and rescue efforts; and

WHEREAS, Shortly after entering the home, the floor gave way beneath Firefighter Rueda and Captain Stribling, and they fell through the floor into the basement; and

WHEREAS, As a result of the fall, Captain Stribling received a head injury and broken ribs and was rendered unconscious while Firefighter Rueda, although receiving injuries to his back, neck and shoulders, remained conscious; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Rueda, despite his own injuries, dragged the unconscious Captain Stribling out of the basement and into the rear yard of the home where they were met by additional help, and the life of Captain Theodore Stribling was saved; and

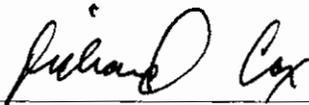
WHEREAS, Fire Engineering Magazine each year presents to an outstanding firefighter the Ray Downey Courage and Valor Award, commemorating the career and sacrifice of Deputy Chief Ray Downey, who commanded rescue operations at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001; and

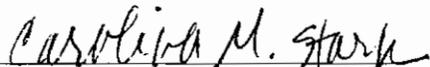
WHEREAS, Firefighter Anthony Rueda has been named a top honoree for the 2009 Ray Downey Courage and Valor Award; and

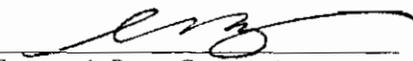
WHEREAS, As a result of his courage and dedication, he has set a high standard for those who may choose to follow his example of service to community; now, therefore, be it

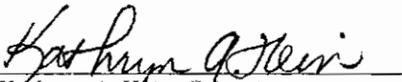
RESOLVED, That the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners of the City of Milwaukee, on behalf of the citizens of this community, does hereby express its gratitude and sincere appreciation for the bravery, commitment, and extraordinary service which Anthony Rueda has rendered to this community, the Milwaukee Fire Department, and his fellow firefighters.

Dated this 7th day of May, 2009.

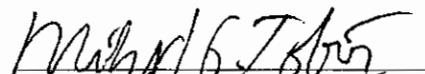

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