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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
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A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING AND HONORING ANCHORAGE POLICE OFFICER JESUS RIVERA III FOR HIS VALOR, PROFESSIONALISM AND SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS, Officer Jesus Rivera III was hired by the Anchorage Police Department in June 2009 and served in parking enforcement until his academy began in December 2009; and

WHEREAS, he has worked mid-shift patrol since graduating from the police academy, is known for his keen sense of humor, and has jokingly described himself as a "Lowly Rookie Street Cop"; and

WHEREAS, while patrolling 4th Avenue on September 12, 2010, Officer Jesus Rivera III witnessed a physical altercation among a group of men outside a local bar; and

WHEREAS, when a man brandished a handgun and started firing at another male, Officer Jesus Rivera III announced his presence and yelled for the suspect to stop shooting; and

WHEREAS, when the suspect started running while carrying the handgun, Officer Jesus Rivera III chased the suspect and held him at guard until additional officers arrived; and

WHEREAS, without regard for his own life and confronting a much larger adversary, Officer Jesus Rivera III used his training and superior safety techniques to pursue and capture a suspect without additional shots being fired or further threat to human life; and

WHEREAS, Officer Jesus Rivera III demonstrated courage and professionalism in a volatile, stressful, and dangerous situation; and

WHEREAS, in October 2010, the Anchorage Police Department and its Employee Recognition Board presented Officer Jesus Rivera III with the *Medal of Valor* for exceptional courage in saving a human life and protecting property; and

WHEREAS, Officer Jesus Rivera III displayed initiative, commitment and outstanding dedication to the Anchorage community;

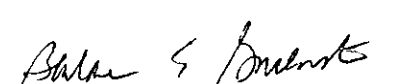NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZES AND HONORS:

OFFICER JESUS RIVERA III

FOR HIS VALOR, PROFESSIONALISM AND SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this *11th* day of *January*, 2011.

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Chair

ATTEST:

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Municipal Clerk