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The Centennial Anniversary of the Superintendent's Honored Star Case

Today marks the centennial anniversary of the Superintendent's Honored Star Case, providing each of us with a special opportunity to honor our commitment to never forget the brave men and women of the Chicago Police Department, who have given their lives in service to our city.

When the Honored Star Case was first dedicated by Chicago Police Chief (later, Superintendent) Leroy T. Steward in 1910, the stars of 12 Chicago Police officers who were killed in the line of duty were encased to preserve their memory, and honor their sacrifice.

Today, a total of 477 stars reflect the duty, courage, and commitment of those members of the Department who died in the line of duty while also acting as a reminder of the extraordinary risks and dangers confronting police officers, each day that they serve and protect the residents of our city.

As law enforcement officers, it is our duty to remember and honor the memories of those who died while doing their duty; we are also charged with upholding the values for which those brave men and women worked and died. The names and stars contained within the Honored Star Case act as a reminder to all of those who enter Department Headquarters of the unique character, composition and integrity of the men and women of the Chicago Police Department. Individuals are able to learn about the bravery behind the names and stars, and to form a connection with our past.

I encourage everyone who enters 3510 South Michigan Avenue to take a moment and read the narrative behind our fallen brothers and sisters, or perhaps remember a friend who was lost. We owe much to those who went before us, helping make the Chicago Police Department the fine law enforcement agency that it is today. This is especially true of those whose lives were lost in the line of duty.

On this centennial anniversary of the Superintendent's Honored Star Case, let us each remember the men and women who gave their lives in service to our city. At the same time, let us honor every fallen officer by reaffirming our own oaths to professionalism, obligation, leadership, integrity, courage, and excellence, in tribute to the way each lived.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'J. Weis'.

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