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Tribute to late victims of Orlando Pulse nightclub shooting

Committee(s) Assignment:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, During the early morning hours of June 12, 2016, a gunman opened fire at an Orlando, Florida nightclub, Pulse, killing forty-nine innocent victims and injuring fifty-three others in a mass terror attack and hate crime; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this tragic event by Aldermen Edward M. Burke, Thomas Tunney, James Cappleman, Raymond Lopez, Deb Mell, and Carlos Ramirez-Rosa; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 320 people were gathered, celebrating life and dancing inside the Pulse nightclub, a popular gay venue, when the establishment announced last-call; and

WHEREAS, Shortly before 2. a.m., the 29-year-old gunman, armed with a semiautomatic rifle and pistol, drove up in a van and approached the club on foot, stormed the club and opened fire beginning his deadly attack; and

WHEREAS, At 2:02 a.m. a security officer working inside the club heard the gunfire and called for help prompting a massive response by the Orlando Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Arriving at 2:08 a.m., the Orlando Police SWAT Team officers entered the club and exchanged gunfire with the perpetrator, causing him to barricade himself inside a bathroom; and

WHEREAS, Beginning at 2:35 a.m., the gunman telephoned 9-1-1 several times and during one of the calls pledged his allegiance to the Islamic State; and

WHEREAS, From 2:48 a.m. until 3:24 a.m., hostage negotiators communicated with the gunman who claimed to have a bomb attached to his vest; and

WHEREAS, At approximately 5 a.m., after a three-hour stand-off, the SWAT team used an armored vehicle to smash down a door to the club and a shootout ensued, which resulted in the death of the gunman and an end to the standoff; and

WHEREAS, The victims killed in the senseless and brutal attack included: Stanley Almodovar, III, 23; Amanda Alvear, 25; Oscar A. Aracena-Montero, 26; Rodolfo Ayala-Ayala, 33; Antonio Davon Brown, 29; Darryl Roman Burt II, 29; Angel L. Candelario-Padro, 28; Juan Chevez-Martinez, 25; Luis Daniel Conde, 39; Cory James Connell, 21; Tevin Eugene Crosby, 25; Deonka Deidra Drayton, 32; Simon Adrian Carrillo Fernandez, 31; Leroy Valentin Fernandez, 25; Mercedez Marisol Flores, 26; Peter O. Gonzalez-Cruz, 22; Juan Ramon Guerrero, 22; Paul Terrell Henry, 41; Frank Hernandez, 27; Miguel Angel Honorato, 30; Javier Jorge-Reyes, 40; Jason Benjamin Josaphat, 19; Eddie Jamoldroy Justice, 30; Anthony Luis Laureanodisla, 25;

Christopher Andrew Leinonen, 32; Alejandro Barrios Martinez, 21; Brenda Lee Marquez McCool, 49; Gilberto Ramon Silva Menendez, 25; Kimberly Morris, 37; Akyra Monet Murray, 18; Luis Omar Ocasio-Capo, 20; Eric Ivan Ortiz-Rivera, 36; Joel Rayon Paniagua, 32; Jean Carlos Mendez Perez, 35; Enrique L. Rios, Jr., 25; Jean C. Nives Rodriguez, 27; Christopher Joseph Sanfeliz, 24; Xavier Emmanuel Serrano Rosado, 35; Edward Sotomayor Jr., 34; Yilmary Rodriguez Sulivan, 24; Shane Evan Tomlinson, 33; Martin Benitez Torres, 33; Jonathan Antonio Camuy Vega, 24; Franky Jimmy Dejesus Velazquez, 50; Juan P. Rivera Velazquez, 37; Luis S. Vielma, 22; Luis Daniel Wilson-Leon, 37; and Jerald Arthur Wright, 31 and Geraldo A. Ortiz-Jimenez, 25; and

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama and Vice President Joseph Biden traveled to Orlando on June 16, 2016 to pay their respects to the victims and families of the worst mass shooting in American history, calling their grief "beyond description"; and

WHEREAS, in this time of grief, the City of Chicago stands in support of families and friends in Orlando, Florida, and across the globe, who are left trying to make sense of our profound loss; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago denounces all acts of violence, and in this case, an act of violence targeting a community of people based on who they love, based on race, and based on their country of origin; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago feels hurt and angry but not threatened and the strength of the numbers show the determination and solidarity of the LGBT community in the United States and of our unity with the LGBT community globally; and

WHEREAS, While the City of Chicago's Pride parade last year was a celebration of equal marriage nationwide; this year's celebration will be a parade of solidarity with those in Florida and defiance against those who would seek to use violence, terrorism and hatred to force people to change the way they live their lives; and,

WHEREAS, we commend and are grateful for the heroic actions of the Orlando Police, first responders, friends, family and bystanders who stood in front of their loved ones, charged into danger, helped save lives, and then waited for hours to donate blood; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this twenty-second day of June, 2016, do hereby express our sympathy to the families of the slain victims and the survivors of this tragic attack; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable John Hugh "Buddy" Dyer, Mayor of the City of Orlando, Florida on behalf of the people of Orlando, Florida.

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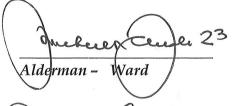
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Alderman Edward M. Burke Chicago City Council Orlando, Florida Terror Attack Resolution of Sorrow June 22, 2016

Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Chicago City Council;

Ten days ago, there occurred in Orlando the worst mass shooting in modern American history – leaving fortynine people dead and fifty-three wounded.

Seven of the ten mass shootings with the largest loss of life have occurred in the U.S. since 2007. In the last fifty years,

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our nation has recorded five times the number of mass shootings than any other nation in the world.

Will the day ever come, that we as a people, can cast aside our guns and embrace the spirit of humanity, tolerance, and understanding in such a way that the innocent need not have to die?

We have the highest percentage of gun ownership in the world, but these facts notwithstanding, the terrible tragedy that has befallen the City of Orlando and its LGBT community, touches all of our lives in profound ways as we grope for solutions and answers that might help put an end to this epidemic of violence.

So far, those answers have been slow in coming.

This morning, Alderman Tunney and I have introduced a resolution expressing the grief and sorrow all of us in these Chambers and across the City of Chicago feel for the fallen victims, the survivors, the first responders and the citizens of Orlando, Florida in the wake of this dreadful attack. Chicago sends its compassion and extends the hand of friendship to the City of Orlando, as it honors its dead.

We cannot, and will not forget their suffering, or the suffering of countless families of survivors from Newtown, Connecticut to Charleston, South Carolina, to San Bernadino, California.

We mourn their passing and pray for a more compassionate, just and verdant world where the relentless cycle of gun violence is left to the scrapheap of forgotten history.

Thank you ladies and gentlemen.