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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, On Patriots' Day, April 15, 2013, the City of Boston sustained a horrific attack when two bombs detonated in the crowd gathered at the finish line of the Boston Marathon; and

WHEREAS, This heinous act of terror transformed a joyous and life-affirming event into a scene of unspeakable carnage, with three persons killed and nearly 300 injured; and

WHEREAS, In the immediate aftermath of the bombing and for days afterward, the people of Boston and its adjacent communities were trapped in a nightmare of uncertainty, waiting nervously in their homes while local and national authorities investigated the crime and sought to capture the perpetrators, who continued their terrible campaign by murdering a law enforcement officer and committing armed robbery and carjacking; and

WHEREAS, Despite the overwhelming pain and anxiety wrought by this traumatizing series of events, Bostonians – together with their neighbors in Allston-Brighton, Brookline, Cambridge, Belmont, Waltham, Newton, Watertown, and Somerville – remained utterly resolute, banding together to support each other and defy their attackers; and

WHEREAS, Exhibiting more than mere resolve, many locals played key roles in the hunt for the attackers, including the carjacking victim who daringly escaped and immediately contacted the police, the victim with grievous injuries who, upon awakening in the hospital, promptly provided information identifying one of the bombers, and the owner of the boat where the surviving suspect was hidden, who detected subtle signs that something was amiss and made the report that resulted in the suspect's capture; and

WHEREAS, The police officers, firefighters, paramedics, and other first responders displayed exemplary courage and selflessness, rising to the occasion, as they invariably do, to provide protection, comfort, and care to the people in a time of dire need; and

WHEREAS, Far from accomplishing their aim of terrorizing our Nation, the April 15 attacks served to highlight once again the unshakeable solidarity of the United States in times of trial; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this eighth day of May, 2013, do hereby condemn the senseless attack in Boston, offer our deepest condolences to the victims and their loved ones, applaud the efforts of the first responders and civic leaders, and pledge to stand strong with Bostonians and all right-thinking persons throughout the world in their steadfast refusal to cower in the face of terrorism; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Thomas Menino, the Mayor of Boston, as a token of our heartfelt sympathy and our utmost respect for his city and its denizens.

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RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

May 8, 2013

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith a resolution honoring our fellow citizens in Boston on their triumph over adversity.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Mayor