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Sponsor(s): Burke, Edward M. (14)
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Title: Tribute to Late Jeffrey Bland
Committee(s) Assignment:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Bland has gone to his eternal reward at the age of thirty-seven; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of his passing by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

WHEREAS, A Captain with the United States Marine Corps, Jeffrey Bland was the loving and devoted husband of Heather; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Bland was the much-adored father of Aliana to whom he imparted many of the fine and noble qualities which he possessed in abundance; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Bland was the beloved son of Carl and Janet Bland and the dear brother of Christine, Cynthia, and Julie; and

WHEREAS, A native of Galesburg, Jeffrey Bland loved to fly, and enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1997 where he served as an aviator; and

WHEREAS, Along with 1st Lieutenant Marine Pilot Thomas Heitmann, Jeffrey Bland tragically lost his life in a helicopter crash while performing a training exercise at Southern California's Camp Pendleton; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Bland was the recipient of numerous medals and commendations, including two Navy Marine Corps Commendation medals, the Selected Marine Corps Reserve Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and three Sea Service Deployment Ribbons; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Bland was a hero not only in the way he served his country, but also in the way he lived his life; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Bland inspired the lives of countless people through his great personal goodness, charity and concern; and

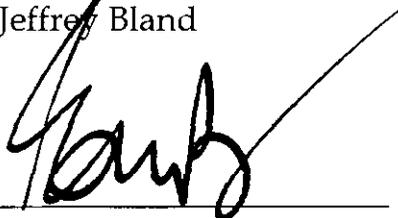
WHEREAS, The hard work, dedication and sacrifice of Jeffrey Bland serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Bland will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his many relatives, friends, and fellow soldiers; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, Jeffrey Bland imparts a legacy of faithfulness, service and dignity; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this fifth day of October, 2011, do hereby commemorate Jeffrey Bland for his grace-filled life and do hereby express our condolences to his family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Jeffrey Bland

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Bland', written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Alderman - 14th Ward