



# City of Chicago



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## Resolution

**WHEREAS**, members of the Republican and Democratic congressional delegations have gathered every year in Washington D.C. since 1909 to play a bi-partisan baseball game to benefit charitable causes; and

**WHEREAS**, the popularity of this annual game has grown and evolved into the Congressional Sports for Charity, a not-for-profit foundation that supports numerous worth causes in the Washington D.C. area and;

**WHEREAS**, on June 14, 2017, members of the Republican team gathered at a baseball diamond in Alexandria, Virginia for an early morning practice session one day before the scheduled event; and

**WHEREAS**, a lone gunman, positioned behind the third base dugout, suddenly opened fire on the members of the Congressional team as they were going through their warm-ups on the field; and

**WHEREAS**, House of Representatives Majority Whip Steven Scalise, a Congressman from the 1<sup>st</sup> District of Louisiana was struck by a bullet and sustained a serious injury to the hip; and

**WHEREAS**, Representative Roger Williams from the 25<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Texas; lobbyist Matt Mika; Congressional aide Zack Barth; and Officers David Bailey and Crystal Griner assigned to Congressman Steven Scalise' security detail, also sustained gunshot wounds in the attack; and

**WHEREAS**, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this tragic shooting by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

**WHEREAS**, if not for the swift and decisive response of Officer David Bailey and Officer Crystal Griner of the Capitol Police who returned fire and took down the shooter, it is probable that this incident would have resulted in multiple fatalities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Capitol Police were formed in 1800 and expanded and formalized in 1828; and

**WHEREAS**, the Capitol Police employ more than 1,700 officers who patrol the Capitol grounds and provide protective services to high-ranking officials and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, Officer David Bailey, a graduate of North Carolina Central University, is a nine-year veteran of the Capitol Police; and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Crystal Griner is a 2006 graduate of Hood College in Frederick, Maryland and a star athlete; and

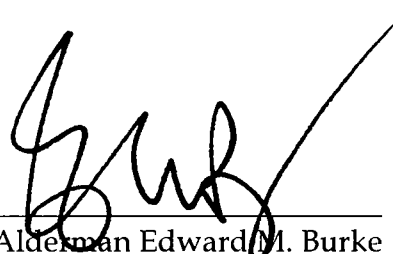
**WHEREAS**, Officer David Bailey and Officer Crystal Griner previously served with distinction on the security detail of former House Majority Leader Eric Cantor from Virginia's Seventh District; and

**WHEREAS**, although wounded by gunshots, Officer David Bailey and Officer Crystal Griner displayed uncommon valor in defense of the members of Congress with little regard for their own personal safety; now therefore

**WHEREAS**, Officer David Bailey and Officer Brystal Griner are exceedingly worthy of our nation's gratitude and admiration now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this twenty-eighth day of June, 2017 do hereby express our sincere thanks and appreciation to Officer David Bailey and Officer Crystal Griner for their heroism in the service of their country; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Officer David Bailey and Officer Crystal Griner.



Alderman Edward M. Burke  
Alderman - 14<sup>th</sup> Ward