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| Title: | Condolences extended to families of victims of mass shooting in Aurora, Colorado |
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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, On July 20, 2012, twelve people were slain and fifty-eight injured by a gunman during a midnight screening of the movie *The Dark Night Rises* in Aurora, Colorado; and

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

WHEREAS, As a result of the mass shooting, ten victims died at the disturbing event and two at local hospitals; and

WHEREAS, In remembrance of the lives that were lost in this troubling tragedy, a candlelight vigil was held in Aurora, Colorado and United States President Barack Obama ordered that flags be flown at half mast; and

WHEREAS, The attack occurred at approximately 12:30 a.m. when a man entered the theater donned in a gas mask and body armor and threw tear gas canisters into the crowd before opening fire with a series of weapons; and

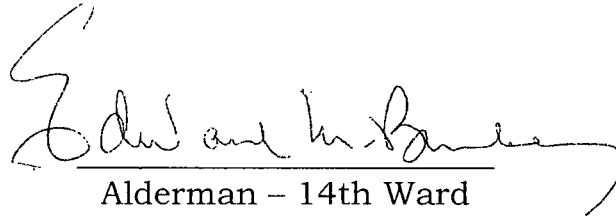
WHEREAS, Authorities say that a 12-gauge shotgun and a semi-automatic rifle with a 100-round drum magazine and a handgun were recovered at the scene; and

WHEREAS, The lone suspect, James Holmes, 24, was arrested outside the cinema minutes after the deadly melee; and

WHEREAS, Those killed in the mass shooting were: Jonathan Blunk, aged 26; Alexander J. Boik, 18; Jesse Childress, 29; Gordon Cowden, 51; Jessica Ghawi, 24; John Larimer, 27; Matt McQuinn, 27; Micayla Medek, 23; Veronica Moser-Sullivan, 6; Alex Sullivan, 27; Alexander C. Teves, 24; and Rebecca Wingo, 32; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this twenty-fifth day of July, 2012, do hereby express our condolences to the families of the victims of July 20, 2012, mass shooting and the entire community of the City of Aurora, Colorado; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Aurora Mayor Steve Hogan.


Alderman - 14th Ward