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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

November 9, 2011

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Together with Alderman Balcer, I transmit herewith a memorial resolution concerning our fallen heroes on the occasion of Veterans Day.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rahm Emanuel".

Mayor

A resolution

adopted by *The City Council*
of the *City of Chicago, Illinois*



Presented by ALDERMAN JAMES A. BALCER
MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL on NOVEMBER 9, 2011

Whereas, Each year on Veterans Day we pause to honor our citizens who have served our country in the military. During this nation's long history, its military personnel have fought with bravery and distinction in defending America, thus ensuring our liberties; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Day is celebrated on November 11, beginning at 11 a.m. local time. This is when The Great War (later referred to as World War I) officially ended in 1918; and

WHEREAS, Originally known as Armistice Day, Congress made it a legal holiday on May 13, 1938, to honor veterans of The Great War; and

WHEREAS, On June 1, 1954, Congress amended its 1938 Act by renaming Armistice Day as Veterans Day, which would honor veterans of all of America's wars; and

WHEREAS, In addition to serving their City with distinction, a number of City of Chicago police officers and firefighters have served their nation with distinction in the military as well; and

WHEREAS, Dating back to the Civil War, sixteen known Chicago police officers and firefighters made the ultimate sacrifice while serving in the military. The names of these brave and loyal men should be immortalized forever. They are police officers Patrick J. Bermingham (Army), James W. Griffin (Army), John A. McCarthy (Army), James L. Mooney (Army - Purple Heart medal recipient), and Thomas J. Morrisroe (Army) and firefighters William F. Adair (Navy), John H. Cogan (Army), Theodore P. Dagiell (Army - Purple Heart medal recipient), Francis L. Felker (Navy), John A. Jarvis (Army), William H. Kearns (Navy), Rudolph Koupeny (Army Reserve), Andrew J. O'Keefe (branch of service unknown), James T. Robinson (Navy), Wilbur Roeder (Army - Bronze Star medal recipient), and Otto Schnoor (branch of service unknown); and

WHEREAS, We also acknowledge today the other employees of the City of Chicago who have died in service to our country. With gratitude and sadness, we pay homage to their duty and sacrifice, and we encourage our Police and Fire Departments to consider adding the names of their personnel who died while serving our country to their respective memorials; and

WHEREAS, On Veterans Day this year, the City of Chicago will honor veterans who work tirelessly to acknowledge and assist veterans each and every day. The ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. at the Doughboy Statue inside Gate O at Soldier Field. The keynote address will be given by Specialist U.S. Army (Retired) Danielle Green-Byrd, one of the first women wounded in the conflict in Iraq, earning a purple heart medal. The United States Naval Academy Gospel Choir will perform "America the Beautiful" to complete the program; and

WHEREAS, The brave men and women who have served in our Armed Forces deserve to be honored each year for their valiant service to America. Veterans Day gives us the opportunity to take time to remember such dedicated service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this ninth day of November, 2011, do hereby honor all Veterans on this day, with special acknowledgment of those Chicago police officers, firefighters and other personnel who gave their lives while defending this country during time of war; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to representatives of the Police Department and Fire Department as a token of our gratitude and respect.



Ral Emanuel

MAYOR

Susana A. Mendez

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