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RESOLUTION IN CONDEMNATION OF NORTH KOREA

WHEREAS, On November 23, 2010, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea) launched a deadly artillery bombardment of Yeonpyeong Island in territory belonging to the Republic of Korea (South Korea); and

WHEREAS, These two Koreas have remained in a constant state of war because the three-year Korean War ended in a truce and not a peace treaty. This indiscriminate shelling of the small and unarmed civilian population on the island is another in a long list of serious provocations leading to escalation of tension in this divided nation since the signing of the Korean Armistice in 1953; and

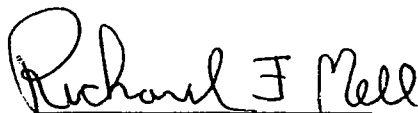
WHEREAS, Such provocations have been as numerous as they are heinous In January of 1967, a South Korean naval ship patrolling waters near maritime border was sunk after being attacked by North Korean artillery. Thirty-nine of the 79 sailors on board were killed and 40 were injured. A year later, 31 North Korean commandos stormed South Korea's presidential Blue House in failed assassination attempt against President Park Chung-hee. Seven South Koreans were killed in his defense, including Seoul's police chief. In December of 1969, a North Korean spy hijacked a South Korean airliner to North Korea taking 39 hostages that were released after more than two months of Red Cross negotiations. In August of 1974, a North Korean agent attempted an assassination of President Park during a speech but killed Park's wife instead. In October of 1983, South Korea's President Chun Doo-hwan narrowly escapes a bombing in Myanmar that killed 21 people, including several government ministers. The perpetrator who was arrested claimed ties to North Korea. In November of 1987, a bomb blows up a South Korean airliner and kills 115 passengers and crew. Two North Korean spies were found responsible; and

WHEREAS, In December 1991, the two Koreas sign nonaggression pact but in June of 1999, six North Korean patrol boats repeatedly cross the Yellow Sea maritime border over nine days, prompting exchange of fire. In June of 2002, a firefight sinks a South Korean boat and six South Korean sailors die during the salvage operation.

WHEREAS, It behooves this august body to stand with the majority of freedom-loving governments on every level and from every nation in strong condemnation of such rogue actions by a belligerent and tyrannical regime; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, gathered together this 8th Day of December, 2010 AD, do hereby condemn the shelling of Yeonpyeong by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and demand that it fully abide by the 1953 pact that ended the Korean War and its 1991 non-aggression agreement with the Republic of Korea.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to United States Secretary of State Hillary R. Clinton and United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.


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