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RESOLUTION CONDEMNING NORTH KOREAN AGGRESSION

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

WHEREAS. The conditions between the two Koreas have remained in a constant state of military tension 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 numerous. In January of 1967, a South Korean naval ship patrolling waters near maritime border was sunk after being attacked by North Korean artillery. 39 fatalities and 40 injuries resulted. A year later, 31 North Korean commandos attacked South Korea's presidential Blue House resulting in seven fatalities including Seoul's chief of police. In December of 1969, a North Korean hijacked a South Korean airliner to North Korea taking 39 hostages who 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 Parks wife instead.. In November of 1987, a bomb was planted by North Korean agents on a South Korean airliner and 115 passengers and crew perished when it exploded in mid-air; and

WHEREAS, In 1991, the two Koreas had signed a non-aggression pact but in June of 1999, six North Korean patrol boats repeatedly crossed the Yellow Sea maritime border over nine days, prompting exchange of fire. In June of 2002, a firefight sank a South Korean boat and six South Korean sailors lost their lives during the salvage operation.

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

BE IT RESOLVED That we, the Mayor and members ofthe City of Chicago City Council, gathered together this 8th Day of December, 2010 AD, do hereby condemn the shelling of Yeonpyeong by the Democratic Peoples 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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