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## Legislation Text

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#### **ORDER**

WHEREAS, the Armed Forces of the United States are currently engaged in military operations around the globe to protect this sovereign nation and to fight global terrorism; and

WHEREAS, we, Members of the Chicago City Council, recognize the personal sacrifices of the citizens called to active military duty to defend this great nation; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC) has worked tirelessly to fight global terrorism; and

WHEREAS, JSOC had tracked Osama bin Laden with the help of other intelligence groups; and

WHEREAS, a military offensive had been planned and practiced to end a decade long search for the infamous Al-Qaeda leader; and

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2011, a JSOC team killed Osama bin Laden, the "face of global terror," in a custom built compound in Abbottabad, a suburb of Islamabad, Pakistan; and

WHEREAS, the Naval Special Warfare Development Group, also known as Navy SEAL Team Six, carried out the operation; and

WHEREAS, in a matter of minutes, Navy SEAL Team Six, a team normally devoted to missions with maritime authority, completed their objective, to kill Osama bin Laden, without sustaining any casualties; and

WHEREAS, Navy SEAL Team Six boarded their modified MH-60 helicopters 40 minutes after the initiation of the mission with the body of Osama bin Laden; and

WHEREAS, we, the Mayor and members of the Chicago City Council, congratulate the United States Military and the Central Intelligence Agency for their tireless work in the successful apprehension of Osama bin Laden and express our sincere appreciation for their service on behalf of the United States; NOW THEREFORE

#### **BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:**

The City Council of the City of Chicago hereby orders the Departments of Cultural Affairs and Special Events to devise an appropriate plan to hold a ticker tape parade in the City in honor of the United States Military, specifically Navy SEAL Team Six.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the City Council award the Medal of Merit to Leon Panetta, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and Secretary Robert Gates of the Department of Defense, on behalf of the Navy SEAL Team Six soldiers.