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of the
CITY of CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

Special Meeting -- Thursday, September 20, 2001

at 10:00 A.M.

(Council Chambers -- City Hall -- Chicago, Illinois)

OFFICIAL RECORD.

RICHARD M. DALEY
Mayor

JAMES J. LASKI
City Clerk

Attendance At Meeting.

Present -- The Honorable Richard M. Daley, Mayor, and Aldermen Granato, Haithcock, Tillman, Preckwinkle, Hairston, Lyle, Beavers, Stroger, Beale, Pope, Balcer, Frias, Olivo, Burke, T. Thomas, Coleman, L. Thomas, Murphy, Rugai, Troutman, Munoz, Chandler, Solis, Ocasio, Burnett, E. Smith, Carothers, Wojcik, Suarez, Matlak, Mell, Austin, Colom, Banks, Mitts, Allen, Laurino, O'Connor, Doherty, Natarus, Daley, Hansen, Levar, Shiller, Schulter, M. Smith, Moore, Stone.

Absent -- Aldermen DeVille, Zalewski.

Call To Order.

On Thursday, September 20, 2001 at 10:00 A.M., The Honorable Richard M. Daley, Mayor, called the City Council to order. The Honorable James J. Laski, City Clerk, called the roll of members and it was found that there were present at that time: Aldermen Granato, Haithcock, Tillman, Preckwinkle, Hairston, Lyle, Beavers, Stroger, Beale, Pope, Balcer, Frias, Olivo, Burke, T. Thomas, Coleman, L. Thomas, Murphy, Rugai, Troutman, Munoz, Chandler, Solis, Ocasio, Burnett, E. Smith, Carothers, Wojcik, Suarez, Matlak, Mell, Austin, Colom, Banks, Mitts, Allen, Laurino, O'Connor, Doherty, Natarus, Daley, Hansen, Levar, Shiller, Schulter, M. Smith, Moore, Stone -- 48.

Quorum present.

Placed On File -- CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING.

The Honorable James J. Laski, City Clerk, informed the City Council that the following call for a special meeting was filed in the Office of the City Clerk on Tuesday, September 18, 2001, at 9:01 A.M.:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

September 17, 2001.

*Honorable James J. Laski
City Clerk
City Hall, Room 107
121 North LaSalle Street
Chicago, Illinois 60602*

DEAR MR. LASKI -- I hereby call a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Chicago to be convened at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, September 20, 2001, in the City Council Chambers in City Hall, for the following purposes and for no other purpose whatsoever:

1. To consider resolutions and related ceremony commemorating the tragic loss of life in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C., and honoring those who have labored to save lives and to provide support in the aftermath of the tragedy; and
2. To consider an ordinance amending Section 2-152-113 of the Municipal Code of Chicago, to provide extended benefits to City of Chicago employees called to duty as reservists.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) RICHARD M. DALEY,
Mayor.

OPENING MUSICAL SELECTION.

Members of the Great Lakes Naval Brass Quintet performed the musical selection "The Star Spangled Banner".

Pledge Of Allegiance.

Alderman Balcer led the City Council and assembled guests in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Invocation.

Rabbi Benzion C. Kaganoff, Congregation Ezras Israel; Bishop Arthur M. Brazier, Pastor, Apostolic Church of God; Dr. Kareem M. Irfan, President, Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago; and His Eminence Francis Cardinal George, Archbishop of Chicago opened the meeting with prayer.

MUSICAL SELECTION.

Members of the Bank One Gospel Choir performed the musical selection "America the Beautiful".

Rules Suspended -- DEEPEST CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHY
EXTENDED TO FAMILIES, FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES
OF VICTIMS ABOARD AMERICAN AIRLINES
FLIGHTS 11 AND 77 AND UNITED
AIRLINES FLIGHTS 93 AND 175.

The Honorable Richard M. Daley, Mayor, presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, On September 11, 2001, as part of a plan to attack the fabric of American life itself, terrorists hijacked four civilian aircraft; and

WHEREAS, The hijackers deliberately crashed two of the planes, American Airlines Flight 11 and United Airlines Flight 175, into the towers of the World Trade Center in New York City; and

WHEREAS, The hijackers deliberately crashed the third plane, American Airlines Flight 77, into the Pentagon outside Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, The fourth jet, United Airlines Flight 93, crashed near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and it appears that the hijackers were thwarted by heroic passengers who overpowered them, giving their lives to save others; and

WHEREAS, All passengers and crew on all four flights perished as a result of these cowardly attacks; and

WHEREAS, This tragic event has caused deep sorrow across the country and around the world, as people everywhere, primarily the families, friends and loved ones of the victims, and also the millions who empathize with their pain, have felt this shocking loss of life; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twentieth day of September, 2001, do hereby extend our deepest condolences and sympathy to the families, friends and loved ones of the ninety-two passengers and crew of American Airlines Flight 11, the sixty-five passengers and crew of United Airlines Flight 175, the sixty-four passengers and crew of American Airlines Flight 77, and the forty-five passengers and crew of United Airlines Flight 93.

Rules Suspended -- HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES EXTENDED TO
FAMILIES, FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES OF VICTIMS OF
TERRORIST ATTACK ON NEW YORK CITY.

The Honorable Richard M. Daley, Mayor, presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, On September 11, 2001, a date burned into the national consciousness, terrorists hijacked and deliberately crashed two aircraft into the towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, leading to the collapse of both towers; and

WHEREAS, Thousands of innocent men, women and children were killed and injured as a result of these attacks; and

WHEREAS, This tragedy has caused great sadness across the country and around the world as people everywhere, especially the families, friends and loved ones of the victims and also the millions who empathize with their sorrow, have felt this terrible loss of life; and

WHEREAS, By targeting symbols of American strength and success, these unspeakable acts clearly were intended to intimidate our nation and weaken its resolve; and

WHEREAS, The perpetrators of these attacks drastically underestimated the will and resolve of the people of New York City, who have drawn together and shown unshakeable spirit, courage and selflessness; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twentieth day of September, 2001, do hereby extend our most heartfelt condolences to the families, friends and loved ones of the victims of these ruthless and cowardly attacks; and

Be It Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Mayor and City Council of New York City as a token of our sympathy, support and solidarity.

Rules Suspended -- DEEPEST CONDOLENCES EXTENDED TO
FAMILIES, FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES OF VICTIMS
OF TERRORIST ATTACK ON PENTAGON.

The Honorable Richard M. Daley, Mayor, presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, On September 11, 2001, terrorists hijacked four civilian aircraft, deliberately crashing one of them into, and seriously damaging, the Pentagon outside Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Scores of innocent people were killed and injured as a result of this attack on the Pentagon; and

WHEREAS, This tragic event has caused deep sorrow across the country and around the world, as people everywhere, primarily the families, friends and loved ones of the victims, and also the millions who empathize with their pain, have felt this grievous loss of life; and

WHEREAS, By targeting a military headquarters and symbol of American strength, this evil act was intended to intimidate the United States and strike directly at the national defense; and

WHEREAS, The perpetrators of this attack drastically underestimated the spirit and strength of the American people, who have pulled together and shown tremendous resolve and courage; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twentieth day of September, 2001, do hereby extend our deepest condolences to the families, friends and loved ones of the victims of this ruthless and cowardly attack; and

Be It Further Resolved, That we condemn in the strongest possible terms the terrorists responsible for the September 11, 2001 attack against the United States, as well as their sponsors; and

Be It Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Secretary of Defense as a token of our sympathy and support.

*Rules Suspended -- CHICAGOANS HONORED FOR RELIEF
EFFORTS AND SUPPORT TO VICTIMS OF TERRORIST
ATTACKS ON UNITED STATES.*

The Honorable Richard M. Daley, Mayor, presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, On September 11, 2001, terrorists hijacked and destroyed four civilian aircraft, causing two to crash into the towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, a third into the Pentagon outside Washington, D.C., and a fourth in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Thousands of innocent people were killed and injured as a result of these heinous attacks, including the passengers and crew of the four aircraft, workers in the World Trade Center and in the Pentagon, rescue workers and bystanders; and

WHEREAS, Chicago joined the nation, watching in shock and horror as these terrible events unfolded on live television; and

WHEREAS, Rather than being immobilized by grief at the loss of their fellow citizens, the good people of Chicago were galvanized into action, seeking ways to be of assistance; and

WHEREAS, Quickly and decisively, Chicagoans reached out to help in numerous and varied ways, from the thousands of blood donors, to the thousands who contributed much-needed clothing, supplies and financial assistance, to the dozens of City residents who made their way to New York City to assist in any way they could; and

WHEREAS, The corporate citizens of Chicago have also reached out with a helping hand, providing much-needed financial assistance, personnel and equipment to aid the victims and the rescue effort; and

WHEREAS, Through these and other actions, Chicagoans have shown the backbone and the resilience that make our City strong, have shown that America's spirit cannot be crushed, and have shown that attempts to bring our country down serve instead to bring out the best in our tough, caring, patriotic citizens; and

WHEREAS, Our men, women and children, who have given freely of their own time and resources in responding to this crisis, represent Chicago, and indeed, the United States, at its finest; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twentieth day of September, 2001, do hereby honor the brave, compassionate and selfless people of Chicago, who through their deeds have described, far better than words could, the essence of our great City and great nation.

Rules Suspended -- MEMBERS OF CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF FIRE
HONORED FOR RESCUE AND RECOVERY EFFORTS
IN RESPONSE TO TERRORIST ATTACK
IN NEW YORK CITY.

The Honorable Richard M. Daley, Mayor, presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, On September 11, 2001, terrorists hijacked four civilian aircraft, two of which crashed into and destroyed the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City and other nearby buildings; and

WHEREAS, As a result of these heinous attacks, hundreds of New York rescue personnel perished; and

WHEREAS, Millions of Chicagoans watched in astonished horror as these terrible events unfolded on live television; and

WHEREAS, While grieving the loss of their New York City brethren, Chicago fire fighters were determined to be of assistance; and

WHEREAS, Dozens of Chicago fire fighters quickly traveled to New York City to assist in rescue and recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS, When they arrived at the scene of the terrible devastation, these dedicated men and women went to work wherever needed, ignoring the danger to themselves as they searched unstable structures for possible survivors, as well as clearing debris and performing other duties; and

WHEREAS, Many more Chicago fire fighters have volunteered to help and are now prepared to travel to New York to lend a hand if needed; and

WHEREAS, These courageous Fire personnel, risking their lives and giving without hesitation of their own time and resources in responding to this crisis, represent the best of Chicago, and indeed, the United States; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twentieth day of September, 2001, do hereby honor these brave and selfless men and women who have responded to these tragic events with courage, determination and skill; and

Be It Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Chicago Fire Department as a token of our esteem.

Rules Suspended -- MEMBERS OF CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF POLICE
HONORED FOR RESCUE AND RECOVERY EFFORTS
IN RESPONSE TO TERRORIST ATTACK
IN NEW YORK CITY.

The Honorable Richard M. Daley, Mayor, presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, On September 11, 2001, terrorists hijacked four commercial jets, crashing two of them into and destroying the towers of the World Trade Center in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Hundreds of New York rescue personnel perished as a result of these terrible attacks; and

WHEREAS, Chicago watched in disbelief and horror as these awful events were broadcast on live television; and

WHEREAS, Even as they were grieving the loss of their New York brethren, Chicago Police were looking to see how they could be of assistance; and

WHEREAS, As soon as they were able, dozens of Chicago police officers hastened to New York City to assist in rescue and recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS, Upon arriving, these dedicated men and women helped wherever needed, ignoring the imminent danger as they searched unstable structures for survivors, as well as clearing debris, assisting in traffic control and performing other duties; and

WHEREAS, Dozens more Chicago police officers have volunteered to help and are now ready to travel to New York to assist if necessary; and

WHEREAS, These brave Police personnel, risking their own lives and giving freely of their own time and resources in responding to this crisis, represent the best of Chicago, and indeed, the United States; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twentieth day of September, 2001, do hereby honor these courageous and selfless men and women who have responded to these tragic events with courage, determination and skill; and

Be It Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the City of Chicago Department of Police as a token of our esteem.

Rules Suspended -- CITY OF CHICAGO EMPLOYEES HONORED
FOR EFFORTS IN ASSISTING VICTIMS OF TERRORIST
ATTACK ON UNITED STATES.

The Honorable Richard M. Daley, Mayor, presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, On September 11, 2001, terrorists hijacked and destroyed four passenger airplanes, causing two to crash into the towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, a third into the Pentagon outside Washington, D.C., and a fourth in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Thousands of innocent people were killed and injured as a result of these unspeakable assaults on humanity; and

WHEREAS, Millions more in Chicago and across the nation watched in horror and revulsion as these terrible events unfolded on live television; and

WHEREAS, Even as they were grieving the loss of their fellow countrymen, and even as they wondered if they might also be targeted, the employees of the City of Chicago were looking for ways to help; and

WHEREAS, Without hesitating, City of Chicago employees offered assistance in numerous and varied ways, from the many blood donors, to the City workers who contributed supplies and financial assistance, to the many who simply offered a prayer or word of encouragement to a friend or colleague; and

WHEREAS, Through these actions, and through their continuing offers of help, the workforce of the City of Chicago has shown the backbone and the resilience that make our City strong, has shown that America's spirit cannot be crushed, and has shown that attempts to bring our country down serve instead to bring out the best in our tough, caring, patriotic City workers; and

WHEREAS, Our City employees, who have given generously of their own time and resources in responding to this crisis, represent Chicago, and indeed, the United States, at its finest; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twentieth day of September, 2001, do hereby honor the brave, compassionate and selfless employees of the City of Chicago, who through their deeds have described, far better than words could, the essence of our great City and great nation.

Alderman Burke moved to *Suspend the Rules Temporarily* to permit immediate consideration of and action upon the foregoing proposed resolutions. The motion *Prevailed*.

On motion of Alderman Burke, the foregoing proposed resolutions were *Adopted* by a rising vote.

COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CHICAGO CITY COUNCIL.

Expressions of condolence for victims of the terrorist attack on the United States and support of the collective relief and rescue efforts were shared by the following members of the City Council:

Alderman Dorothy J. Tillman
(3rd Ward)

Alderman Leslie Hairston
(5th Ward)

Alderman Freddrenna M. Lyle
(6th Ward)

Alderman James A. Balcer
(11th Ward)

Alderman Edward M. Burke
(14th Ward)

Alderman Shirley A. Coleman
(16th Ward)

Alderman Latasha R. Thomas
(17th Ward)

Alderman Virginia Rugai
(19th Ward)

Alderman Arenda Troutman
(20th Ward)

Alderman Michael D. Chandler
(24th Ward)

Alderman Daniel S. Solis
(25th Ward)

Alderman Billy Ocasio
(26th Ward)

Alderman Walter Burnett, Jr.
(27th Ward)

Alderman Ed H. Smith
(28th Ward)

Alderman Isaac S. Carothers
(29th Ward)

Alderman Michael A. Wojcik
(30th Ward)

Alderman Ray Suarez
(31st Ward)

Alderman Richard F. Mell
(33rd Ward)

Alderman Carrie M. Austin
(34th Ward)

Alderman Vilma Colom
(35th Ward)

Alderman Emma Mitts
(37th Ward)

Alderman Patrick J. O'Connor
(40th Ward)

Alderman Brian G. Doherty
(41st Ward)

Alderman Burton F. Natarus
(42nd Ward)

Alderman Helen Shiller
(46th Ward)

Alderman Mary Ann Smith
(48th Ward)

Alderman Joe Moore
(49th Ward)

Alderman Bernard L. Stone
(50th Ward)

REMARKS BY THE HONORABLE RICHARD M. DALEY.

At this point in the proceedings, The Honorable Richard M. Daley, Mayor, rose to offer the prayers of his own family and the condolences of the people of Chicago to the families, friends and loved ones of the victims of terrorist attacks in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington D.C.. The victims of this tragedy were not just individuals, but were fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, sons and daughters, Mayor Daley observed, and vowed that their lives should not and would not be forgotten. Lauding the extraordinary courage and comradeship by police, fire and rescue personnel and the unshakeable spirit and compassion of the American people, Mayor Daley then expressed his gratitude to City of Chicago employees and the people of Chicago who reached out to provide much needed assistance and aid to the victims of this tragedy and to the members of the Chicago Department of Fire and the Chicago Department of Police, who hastened to help their fellow officers in the continuing rescue and recovery effort.

WRITTEN MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE AND SUPPORT
BY MEMBERS OF THE CHICAGO CITY COUNCIL.

Each of us in my ward and family salute and thank all of those who have given to rescue and recovery missions that this nation has just begun. No group has performed more nobly than the fire fighters and police officers of New York who died in service to their community. We are proud that fire fighters and police officers

from Chicago eagerly volunteered to assist in the recovery efforts with more than just words, but with their deeds.

My community prays in their homes and churches for the souls of the victims and asks God to comfort their families and friends. We pray that the nightmares of those who survived and witnessed this catastrophic tragedy one day turn again to restful slumber. We pray that the leadership of this great and powerful nation respond in an appropriate manner to assure that the acts of terrorism that we so deeply fear cease and end forever. We pray that whatever action we take be consistent with the mores and values that we have lauded over the rest of the world for centuries. That those actions be consistent with our principles, our laws and ideals. We pray that reason rather than passion sets our foreign policy. And we pray for the young men and women who will carry out the policy set by men in suits with greying hair, who will only see the horrors of war on CNN.

I applaud the Chicago fire fighters and police officers, those who stood in line for hours to give blood, the doctors and nurses who gave their talents to the cause, those who have donated monies, those who shared in remembrance ceremonies all over this world. We pray that God watches over all of us as we go about the task of moving forward. We ask that people of good will be vigilant against the terror from without and the promotion of terror from within.

FREDDRENN LYLE,
Alderman, 6th Ward.

Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Chicago City Council:

Just nine days ago, the nation watched in stunned silence as unbridled evil made September 11, 2001, another "date that will live in infamy".

Before our eyes, deeds of profound barbarism and unprecedented terror struck the heart and soul of America, destroying the World Trade Center in New York and severely damaging the center of our nation's military leadership at the Pentagon.

Words have little power before the sorrowing and the suffering, the heartache and the mourning, unleashed in our national grief at these attacks in Washington D.C., New York and Pennsylvania.

What can we say to the survivors, the spouses, the parents, the children, the loved

ones of the victims of these unprecedented acts of barbarism?

How highly can we praise the American heroes aboard United Airlines flight Number 93 whose resolve thwarted a further terrorist attack? "Common men and women of uncommon valor".

What words of gratitude and appreciation can we speak for the unselfish sacrifice of so many police, fire fighters, clergy and emergency rescue personnel who rushed to the scene to offer and in too many cases to sacrifice their lives attempting to comfort, protect and rescue a sea of suffering human beings?

How much credit can we give to federal officials who moved quickly to shut down the nation's air traffic, in all likelihood halting additional hijackings and preventing what could have been even further devastation?

Who could not be moved at the sight of the N.Y.F.D. Chaplain Father Mycel Judge, being carried from the rubble of the World Trade Center, killed while administering the Last Rites at the scene of the attack.

We can only look to our nation's history for guidance and counsel.

On December 10, 1941, in this very room, Mayor Edward Kelly and the Chicago City Council assembled only three days following the attack on Pearl Harbor and only two days following the nation's Declaration of War to adopt a resolution of support for President Roosevelt, the Congress and the national war effort.

The events and words of those days and the events and words of these days are strikingly similar as we gather to support our Commander-in-Chief, George W. Bush and our national war effort. Since the unforgettable and horrific events of September 11, a state of war has existed not between the United States and another nation, but with a vast international conspiracy that rivals the barbarism and atrocities perpetrated on the people of the world by the governments of the Axis nations during World War II.

When President Roosevelt addressed the Congress on December 8, 1941, he galvanized the spirit of the nation. He reminded all Americans of what it would take to achieve final victory. The quote, which is most widely remembered, is his reference to the "date of infamy". But let me share with you some other words from that historic address. "Always will we remember", he said, "the character of the onslaught against us. No matter how long it may take to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people in their righteous might will win through to absolute victory. I assert that we will not only defend ourselves to the uttermost, but will make very certain that this form of treachery shall never

endanger us again. With confidence in our armed forces", the President concluded, "with the unbending determination of the American people, we will gain the inevitable triumph -- so help us God".

Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Council, great events demand great measures and great people. Our nation is now struggling for a way of life -- the ordinary things, the routines of democracy, the survival of our Republic, the symbols of independency and rituals of freedom.

When Britain's Expeditionary Force was driven into the sea at Dunkirk at the end of May, 1940, a weary but resilient Winston Churchill addressed the House of Commons pledging a ceaseless stand against the forces of darkness. "We shall defend our island, whatever the cost", he said. "We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets; we shall never surrender".

Let our enemies understand that we face the future with the same courage and the same resolve. We shall defend our home, "From sea to shining sea. From the mountains to the prairies, to the oceans". We shall fight on the beaches too, if need be; we shall fight on the streets and in the alleys, along the parkways and the boulevards. We shall never surrender.

In these dark, sorrowful and uncertain times the resolve of our fellow Americans must be steeled to the rigors and obstacles that lie ahead. As we gathered in our own places of worship this past week, we were united -- Christians, Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, Black, White, Yellow, Brown and Red. We realize the differences, injustices and shortcomings that we all have experienced. Now, they must be set-aside in this time of crisis.

Americans are a prayerful people, as indeed we must be. For it is only with a deep faith in God that we as a nation can begin to heal the pain and suffering which has touched the lives of all our fellow citizens.

As the smoke and dust continues to drift over the island of Manhattan and the wreckage of the Pentagon smolders still, we express our solidarity with the people of New York and Washington. We join in prayer that God will grant eternal rest to the victims of these horrible events, and give courage and peace to their loved ones.

We also pledge to insure that those 5,470 lives will not have perished in vain. This nation will continue to be a homeland of justice and freedom for all the world. Our nation's vigilance and caution can ensure that such terrorism and barbarism will never be repeated. Our nation's courage and resolve will ensure that this becomes "our finest hour".

God bless the people of New York. God bless the people of Washington D.C.. God bless the United States of America.

EDWARD M. BURKE,
Alderman, 14th Ward.

The whole world zoomed in to ground zero in one incredibly dreadful hour nine days ago at this time . . . and still we're caught in a time warp of images and dust and too many silenced voices and thundering crashes where birds once sang in the morning sun and the world's commerce swirled on in perpetual fast track.

Words seem superfluous now . . . but words are therapeutic, we need to do this; it is right and it is good.

We have to learn how to laugh again; to work and shop and plan vacations and play and it's okay to stop watching and we must be free to feel good without guilt. We have to let ourselves be us again.

The media has ascribed sound bites to the undefinable . . . because that is what they do. "Attack on America" -- "Our New War" -- "America on Alert". Whether these phrases simplify or exacerbate . . . our American government has now called us all to attention with the vastly appropriate "Operation Infinite Justice". In seeking justice, we must recognize the September 11th tragedy as a crime against humanity . . . targeting the world. Over sixty nations' citizens operated within the World Trade Center . . . and nearly all the nations of the world have turned to the Pentagon. Yes, the tragedy took place on our turf. The message emanating from the aftermath clarifies the reality: among the heroes, as among the victims . . . this was equal-opportunity devastation. It picked no favorites; excluded no one . . . not poverty or privilege, not the renown or the remote . . . just people, all people, they ran together . . . clutched and shielded and saved and carried and helped each other. In unity is our salvation, our strength and our victory. When they burned our bridges, they brought us together like never before. The children who lost parents are not truly orphans; they are all of our children now, and we, our nation, will care for them. They will know love.

In seeking justice, let us not make martyrs of evildoers . . . for not even in the most convoluted minds of those who perceive that they are somehow harmed by our existence . . . our freedom . . . our open doors and open borders and collective open hearts . . . nowhere is there a religion, a culture, a nationality that sanctions this

exquisite criminality. Yet it is obvious that networks of terrorism flourish in a netherworld harbored, supported, protected or sustained in over fifty countries. Some of them are here, on our soil, learning here and living here. Certainly, we shall not ever seek to strike at fifty nations, unwitting and unwilling hosts to the poison talons of new millennium monsters. Our enemy is not the Afghan people. Under Taliban rulers, TV is forbidden, so they have not ever seen the devastation. Oppressed for five years under extremists who ban work for women, school for girls, music, TV and photographs . . . they still have heard enough to flee. As global doors slam on them, they remain essentially powerless.

Are we aghast now as we realize that America is the largest provider of humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan? 124 Million Dollars so far this year . . . and recently, Secretary of State Powell shepherded the appropriation of an additional 43 Million Dollars. Even in our righteous anger, we do not seek to deny the need. Yet, we are not fools. The fact that the Taliban leaders are "discussing their options" on the demand to turn over Osama bin Laden is tantamount to an outright admission that they could. The leaders allegedly would consider expelling bin Laden from his base if he were to be handed over to a third country. His crime was global, as is his network. Could we not work within the concept that once expelled from his hidden lair, he would find no safe harbor . . . not on land, or sea, or air. Even rumors of his presence will cause citizens of cities, states or nations to flee or turn on him. Instinctive self-preservation is universal and knows no bounds. Wherever he is tried, he cannot prevail . . . and ours is not the harshest justice.

So, even in our darkest hours of despair, let us join the spirit and the letter of "Operation Infinite Justice" -- and let us recall the brave and simple and timeless words of Eleanor Roosevelt who dared to swim against the tide of anti-Japanese prejudice on behalf of legions of innocent Japanese-Americans. She said, "Almost the biggest obligation we have today is to prove that in a time of stress, we can still live up to our beliefs".

ARENDA TROUTMAN,
Alderman, 20th Ward.

Mr. President:

I am an American, I love this country and I will defend it in this country or abroad at any time or any place to help bring to justice whomever committed this horrendous tragedy. My heart goes out to every family that had someone hurt or

killed in either of the vicious attacks. Millions of people all across the world share their grief and pain. I also commend the hundreds of volunteers that gave their time and energy in this tragedy.

Mr. President, whether we like it or not, we are all stuck in the same ditch. White, Black, Brown and Yellow. If we are to get out, we all must pull together at the same time in the same direction. Horrific and horrendous as these tragedies were, still, we will survive!

This (Osama bin Laden) will not destroy America. Because we will pull together. We have gone through tough tragedies before and we survived. The war of 1813, we survived. The Civil War, we survived. The bombing of Pearl Harbor, we survived! Presidents Garfield and Harrison died in office, and we survived. Presidents Lincoln and Kennedy were assassinated, but we survived. The stock market crashed and billions were lost, but we survived.

Well, they can hijack planes, crush buildings and disrupt cities, but they can't kill America, because America is not bricks and mortar, tin and iron, or gas and oil. America is in the minds and hearts of true Americans. And as long as there is one true American on the American soil, America will survive!

In the words of country and western singer Lee Greenwood, in his "God Bless the U.S.A.":

"I'm proud to be an American.

At least I know I'm free.

I won't forget the men that died.

That gave that right to me."

Let us stand together, no matter what it takes! God bless America!

ED H. SMITH,
Alderman, 28th Ward.

MUSICAL SELECTION.

Members of the Great Lakes Naval Brass Quintet performed the musical selection "Battle Hymn of the Republic".

Rules Suspended -- AMENDMENT OF TITLE 2, CHAPTER 152,
SECTION 113 OF MUNICIPAL CODE OF CHICAGO
BY AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL PAID
LEAVE BENEFITS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES
CALLED FOR ACTIVE DUTY WITH
MILITARY RESERVE.

The Honorable Richard M. Daley, Mayor, presented the following ordinance:

Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Chicago:

SECTION 1. Section 2-152-113 of the Municipal Code is hereby amended by deleting the language in brackets and adding the language in italics, as follows:

2-152-113 *Reservists On Active Duty.*

(a) In addition to the paid fourteen day leave of absence provided in Section G(10) of the regulations governing the administration of the compensation plan and employee benefits for classified positions set forth in the annual appropriation ordinance and applicable collective bargaining agreements, city employees, who are members of the reserve force of the United States or state of Illinois, *for purposes of this section, "reservists"*, who have been or are ordered to active duty by appropriate authorities, shall be eligible for additional paid leave for active duty [outside of the United States].

(b) The chairman of the committee on finance, commissioner of the department of personnel and the chief financial officer, or their designees, shall constitute the Armed Forces Benefits Committee ("Committee"). The Committee shall promulgate eligibility standards for additional paid leave and length thereof based [of] *on* criteria including, but not limited to, length of service and job performance, and shall develop procedures for application of such benefits by employees. Paid leave shall be conditioned upon payment of military pay to the comptroller. The

Committee will approve or disapprove such applications based on the application for additional paid leave and the applicant's employment information contained in city records. *Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, any reservist called for active duty on or after September 11, 2001, shall be entitled to full salary and medical benefits, provided that paid leave shall be conditioned upon payment of military pay to the comptroller.*

(c) Additional paid leave hereunder shall automatically terminate upon termination of active duty.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in force and effect following its passage and approval.

On motion of Alderman Burke, the foregoing proposed ordinance was *Passed* by yeas and nays as follows:

Yeas -- Aldermen Granato, Haithcock, Tillman, Preckwinkle, Hairston, Lyle, Beavers, Stroger, Beale, Pope, Balcer, Frias, Olivo, Burke, T. Thomas, Coleman, L. Thomas, Murphy, Rugai, Troutman, Munoz, Chandler, Solis, Ocasio, Burnett, E. Smith, Carothers, Wojcik, Suarez, Matlak, Mell, Austin, Colom, Banks, Mitts, Allen, Laurino, O'Connor, Doherty, Natarus, Daley, Hansen, Levar, Shiller, Schuler, M. Smith, Moore, Stone -- 48.

Nays -- None.

Alderman Beavers moved to reconsider the foregoing vote. The motion was lost.

WRITTEN MESSAGES OF SUPPORT FOR CITY EMPLOYEES
CALLED FOR ACTIVE DUTY.

Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Chicago City Council:

Citizen soldiers have been a part of our national tradition since they first marched on Lexington Green at the dawn of our national struggle for independence. Since then private citizens have often taken up arms in defense of our home and country. From the War of 1812 to peacekeeping in Bosnia; from the field of Gettysburg, Flanders Fields, Omaha Beach, the Cho Sun reservoir, Da Nang, to the Persian Gulf

-- during periods of national emergency, citizen soldiers have answered their nation's call to take up arms in defense of freedom. Such citizen-patriotism has conquered our nation's foes for more than two centuries. These citizen soldiers then returned to farms and factories, to markets and shops, to the mercantile and commercial life of our nation.

Today, in our present crisis, citizen soldiers are once again being called to serve in our armed forces. Reserves and National Guard units are now being mobilized and in all likelihood will continue to be called up for the weeks and months ahead.

In 1990, the Chicago City Council enacted an ordinance to reduce the burden placed on reservists and National Guard members. Chicago led the way ensuring that any city worker that would be activated with such units could be assured that their family's health care needs would be provided for while they are on active duty.

Currently, hundreds of our city employees are proud members of the Armed Forces Reserves and Illinois National Guard. It is clear in the present circumstances that they will be relieved of a heavy burden of family concern and responsibility by the continuation of health care benefits for spouses and children. It is one less worry these brave defenders of freedom take with them to active duty.

I hope that our actions today will spur on others in government to act in a similar manner in guaranteeing such benefits for government employees activated for service to our nation. State, county and municipal governments should take note. Hopefully, many private employers in Chicago will also take notice of our actions and similarly respond. I know that in the village of Tinley Park, where General Pat Ray is a member of the village board, will adopt a similar ordinance supporting those in military service.

General Ray, who is with us this morning, is from the Illinois Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. He knows full well the effect of what we do today. Such solidarity with our armed forces is a dramatic sign of unity and respect.

I am proud to have joined with Mayor Daley to sponsor this ordinance during the Persian Gulf War. I am equally proud of all my colleagues who so earnestly and unanimously supported it then and late for city personnel serving in Bosnia.

As we take this important supportive action today, I am reminded of a great American and a great Chicagoan who served in the United States Senate from Illinois.

On December 10, 1941, he would have sat just two seats from where I stand today in this chamber, when the City Council passed its resolution of support for President Roosevelt and the national war effort.

I make reference to Senator Paul H. Douglas, who shortly thereafter resigned his aldermanic seat from the 5th Ward and his University of Chicago professorship in economics and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He was, remarkably, fifty years old at the time. Following his basic training, he was shipped to the Pacific Theater of Operation where he was part of the invasion force on Guadalcanal. He was, subsequently, gravely wounded in the battle and ultimately disabled with the result of the loss of use of his left arm. In 1948 he was elected to the United States Senate and served three full terms from 1949 until 1966.

As we vote to adopt this ordinance, let us keep in mind the story of our colleague Senator Paul H. Douglas and so many other outstanding citizen soldiers.

Ultimately, what we do today concerns the well-being of patriots whose lives defend our liberty and whose hearts inspire us by their virtue and their valor. God bless them all and God bless the United States of America.

As we stand here today poised to adopt this ordinance which will assist members of the Reserves and National Guard, flotillas are steaming into the Middle East. The thousands of men and women of our armed forces know not the perils and dangers they will encounter. Our prayers are with them.

President Roosevelt's favorite hymn was Eternal Father. It was also played by the navy band in 1963 as President Kennedy's body was carried into the United States Capital. The words of that hymn spring our hearts today.

"Our brethren shield in danger's hour

From rock and tempest, fire and foe,

Protect them wheresoe'r they go;

Thus evermore shall rise to thee

Glad hymns of praise from land and sea".

EDWARD M. BURKE,
Alderman 14th Ward.

I rise in support of giving regular pay and continuing benefits to any city employee who is a member of a reserve unit in our Armed Forces even if they are deployed in some post here, in the United States.

Since that terrible day in our recent history, I have watched and read the steady deterioration of the real facts and information about what has prompted this dastardly occurrence. We're now getting "spun" by this administration. On the day of the bombing, it was reported that 800 people died at the Pentagon and that as many as 50,000 people usually were in the World Trade Center at the time the bombing occurred. Now, we're being told that only 189 persons were killed in the Pentagon and a total of 5,800 people are missing at ground zero.

For all of us who are dedicated to the proposition that this is the greatest country to live in and have expressed that sentiment by our prayers and holding the flag on high, we have to make our own honest assessment as to why we are so hated that fifth columnists have boldly breached our borders in order to wreak steadily escalating terrorist attacks on innocent civilians. Could it be our jingoistic, ugly American arrogance? Our citizens readily take vacation or business trips overseas and expect (!!!) English to be spoken to them! We admonish China about its abysmal human rights record, but our federal penitentiary in Menard, Illinois is on Amnesty International's list. Our jails and prisons are overwhelmingly stocked with minorities and is exemplified by the reintroduction of the chain gang. The F.D.A. bans pesticides in the United States, but then continues to manufacture and sell them to third world countries. So, we end up drinking Juan Valdez's coffee that was sprayed with a pesticide that is banned here in the United States. The truth is, we're perceived as hypocrites and our constant "holier than thou" persona has incurred the enmity of zealots who rightly or wrongly are driven by a religious fervor that cannot be assuaged. There is some atonement needed in our own house. Until we can admit that, collectively we're no different than a victim of domestic violence who is in denial of their circumstances.

CARRIE M. AUSTIN,
Alderman, 34th Ward.

BENEDICTION.

Reverend Dr. Kevin Dean, Chaplain, Chicago Department of Police and Father Thomas Mulcrone, Chaplain, Chicago Department of Fire, delivered the benediction.

CLOSING MUSICAL SELECTION.

Members of the Bank One Gospel Choir performed the musical selection "God Bless America".

PRESENCE OF VISITORS NOTED.

The Honorable Richard M. Daley, Mayor, called the City Council's attention to the presence of the following visitors:

General Pat Ray, member of the Tinley Park village board and the Illinois Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve;

William Hood, American Airlines; William Braiden and Amy Gardner-Nummer, American Red Cross; Robert A. Rosholt, Aon Corporation; Jamie Dimon, Bank One; Robin Stone, Boeing Corporation; David Johnson, Morgan Stanley/Chicago Board Options Exchange; Virginia Aronson, Bill Conlon and Kathy Roach, Sidley Austin, Brown & Wood, L.L.P.; Angela Kurbyun and Carrie Reimers, Julien J. Studley, Inc.; Rono Dutta and Georgina Hurd, United Airlines; and representatives from ABN Amro; Allstate Insurance Company; and Commodities, Futures and Trading Commission.

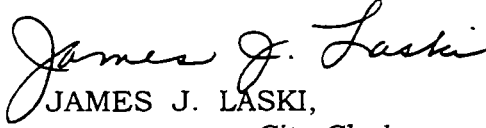
Adjournment.

Thereupon, Alderman Burke moved that the City Council do *Adjourn*. The motion *Prevailed* and the City Council *Stood Adjourned*.

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JAMES J. LASKI,
City Clerk.