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RESOLUTION FOR 13 FALLEN HEROES IN AFGHANISTAN

WHEREAS, The Nation forever mourns the countless lives lost on September 11, 2001, in the terrorist attacks that led to the U.S. war in Afghanistan; and

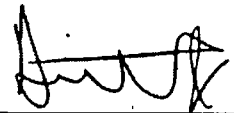
WHEREAS, As the 20th anniversary of September 11th approaches, the nearly two-decade war in Afghanistan has come to end with tremendous grief for one of the deadliest days for American forces on August 26, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Eleven Marines, one Navy corpsman, and an Army soldier were killed while defending Americans and our allies in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel at the Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul, Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, As the Nation mourns the loss of the 13 fallen heroes in Afghanistan, tribute must carry on to those who died defending our freedom; and

WHEREAS, We honor Marine Corps Lance Cpl. David Lee Espinoza; Marine Corps Sgt. Nicole Gee; Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Darin T. Hoover; Army Staff Sgt. Ryan C. Knauss; Marine Corps Cpl. Hunter Lopez; Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Rylee J. McCollum; Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Dylan R. Merola; Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Kareem M. Nikoui; Marine Corps Sgt. Johanny Rosario Pichardo; Marine Corps Cpl. Humberto A. Sanchez; Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Jared M. Schmitz; Navy Hospital Corpsman Maxton W. Sowiak; and Marine Corps Cpl. Daegan W. Page; and, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago gathered here on 14th Day of September 2021, do hereby honor the 13 fallen Heroes for their service, bravery, selflessness, and sacrifice.



Gilbert Villegas
Alderman, 36th Ward