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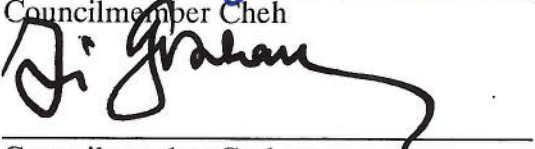
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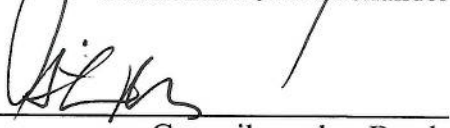
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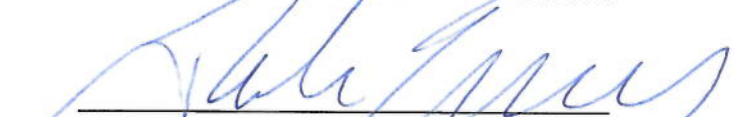
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Councilmember Catania



Councilmember Evans



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Councilmember Orange

31 A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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36 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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41 Chairman Mendelson and Councilmembers Alexander, Barry, Bonds, Bowser, Catania, Cheh,
42 Evans, Graham, Grosso, McDuffie, Orange, and Wells, introduced the following
43 proposed resolution which was _____.

45 To declare the sense of the Council of the District of Columbia on the September 16, 2013 Navy
46 Yard tragedy.

1 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
2 resolution may be cited as the “Sense of the Council of the District of Columbia on the
3 September 16, 2013 Navy Yard Tragedy Resolution of 2013”.

4 Sec. 2. The Members of the Council of the District of Columbia find that:

5 (1) We condemn the senseless and horrific acts that occurred on the morning of
6 September 16, 2013 at the District of Columbia Navy Yard, when a lone gunman entered
7 Building 197 and shot, seemingly indiscriminately, at employees of the complex. The shooting
8 rampage resulted in twelve deaths and many injuries.

9 (2) As we have all done all too often when such unconscionable acts of violence occur,
10 we denounce these acts, and express our deepest sympathies to the family members of those who
11 perished in this tragedy. Like similar tragedies that grip national attention, we feel a preeminent
12 sense of sadness at how such events could unfold, and we empathize with those closely affected
13 by it; unlike those tragedies, however, we are all the more pained at how such events could
14 unfold in *our* neighborhood, and we empathize all the more with the victims and their families
15 because they are *our* friends, neighbors, or relatives.

16 (3) We search for a reasonable explanation for how such senseless gun violence can
17 occur—and continue to occur. We note that as the echoes of earlier shooting tragedies continue
18 to reverberate as part of our national conversation on such violence, we have found no way, as a
19 country or a culture, to effectively respond. Our inaction means more marks on the map
20 detailing the locations of senseless shooting massacres; the District of Columbia, now, being the
21 location of one of these unfortunate marks.

22 (4) We, as residents of the District of Columbia and citizens of the United States of
23 America, dismiss inaction in response to such violence as unacceptable.

1 (5) We condemn the monstrous acts of the individual responsible. His acts not only
2 inflicted violence on the District, but terrorized the entire nation and compounded our fear.

3 (6) We extend our sincere sympathy and prayers to the twelve individuals who
4 perished—Michael Arnold (59 years old), Martin Bodrog (54 years old), Arthur Daniels (51
5 years old, resident of Southeast, DC), Sylvia Frasier (53 years old), Kathy Gaarde (62 years old),
6 John Roger Johnson (73 years old), Mary Francis Knight (51 years old), Frank Kohler (50 years
7 old), Vishnu Bhalchandra Pandit (61 years old), Kenneth Bernard Proctor (46 years old), Gerald
8 Read (58 years old), and Richard Michael Ridgell (52 years old)—the many who were injured,
9 and the families and friends of all the victims.

10 (7) We praise and thank the first responders for their heroism and self-sacrifice; their
11 actions surely mitigated the injury and loss of life. We likewise praise and thank the
12 coordinated efforts of local, state, and federal law enforcement in responding to this tragedy.

13 (9) We express hope, as we have for other jurisdictions similarly effected by such
14 violence, that the District of Columbia will be able to heal quickly from the pain and disruption
15 that has been brought upon us, that our residents will again feel safe and secure, and that all of
16 those who live in or visit here will be without fear of such unprovoked and unexplainable
17 violence as befell the District of Columbia on September 16, 2013.

18 Sec. 3. It is the sense of the Council of the District of Columbia that:

19 (1) We proclaim our solidarity as residents of the District of Columbia: honoring the
20 victims of the September 16, 2013 Navy Yard tragedy, supporting those attempting to come to
21 terms with the tragedy and to heal, and standing strong as the Nation's Capital in defiance of
22 such unconscionable and cowardly acts of violence that has befallen our jurisdiction.

1 (2) We pledge our continuing support for the efforts of emergency responders and
2 disaster preparedness personnel at the federal, state, and local levels in their work to ensure the
3 safety and security of the Nation's Capital, and all locations throughout the country; preserving
4 our rights and liberties in a free and democratic society.

5 Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.