

A resolution

adopted by *The City Council*
of the *City of Chicago, Illinois*



Presented by Alderman Edward M. Burke on October 31, 2001

Whereas, On the afternoon of March 2, 1999, an armed robber entered LaSalle National Bank, 515 North LaSalle Street, in downtown Chicago and demanded money; and

WHEREAS, The offender vaulted the counter of the bank brandishing a Smith and Wesson nine millimeter semi-automatic pistol loaded with thirteen live rounds of ammunition; and

WHEREAS, The robber forced the tellers to fill a gym bag full of money and then fled the LaSalle National Bank location with two security guards in pursuit; and

WHEREAS, Following a brief foot chase, the security guards lost sight of the offender at LaSalle and Hubbard and a description of the fleeing felon was immediately broadcast to area police units; and

WHEREAS, Responding to the flash message, 18th District Tactical Unit Officers James Volland and Raymond Allen spotted a suspect matching the offender's description walking westbound on Lake Street between Clinton and Jefferson; and

WHEREAS, As Police Officers James Volland and Raymond Allen exited their vehicle and identified themselves as police officers, the suspect raised his weapon and pointed it at Officer Allen; and

WHEREAS, Officer James Volland was forced to immediately open fire, causing the suspect to fall between two parked cars; and

WHEREAS, Officer James Volland positioned himself behind a parked car and ordered the man to surrender; and

WHEREAS, In response, the suspect once more raised his weapon and pointed it at Officer James Volland, who was again forced to discharge his weapon, fatally wounding the armed robber; and

WHEREAS, Officers James Volland and Raymond Allen are members of the Chicago Police Department who, at great risk to their own lives, courageously performed their duty, recovering the stolen money and the loaded weapon; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council assembled this thirty-first day of October, 2001, do hereby recognize the bravery of Officers James Volland and Raymond Allen and do hereby honor their heroic actions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Officers James Volland and Raymond Allen.



Richard M. Daley

Mayor

James J. Leski

City Clerk