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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Mayor Thomas M. Menino upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to his community

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend individuals who have faithfully served with exemplary dedication and conscientious service, significantly improving the quality of life in the community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to honor Thomas M. Menino upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service as the Mayor of Boston, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Menino has served with great diligence and unswerving commitment, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues and community, who wish him the best in his well-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Menino, the son of Susan and Carl Menino, was born in Readville, a part of Boston's Hyde Park neighborhood, on December 27, 1942; he earned an associate degree in business management in 1963, at Chamberlayne Junior College and went on to the University of Massachusetts Boston, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Community Planning in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Boston's longest-serving mayor, Mayor Thomas M. Menino served on the City Council for several years before becoming Mayor; he and his wife, the former Angela Faletra, are the proud parents of two children, Susan and Thomas, Jr., and the loving grandparents of six grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, A national leader on neighborhood issues, Mayor Menino believes that government is about helping people; elected five times as

Mayor of Boston and five times as a City Councilor from Hyde Park, he has spent a lifetime building a better Boston for residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, Nicknamed the "Urban Mechanic" early in his career for his tireless work ethic and attention to the basics that make for a thriving city, Mayor Menino is working to inspire a generation of New Urban Mechanics, rooted in the belief that citizens are the best civic entrepreneurs, forging partnerships to revitalize neighborhoods, strengthening the economy through workforce investments, and innovating in education, his vision for Boston is based on strong, welcoming communities that provide unlimited opportunity for success; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Hyde Park, Mayor Menino understands that a city is only as strong as its neighborhoods; he ushered in the nation's first citywide Main Streets program to support small businesses and spur local economic development; and

WHEREAS, Deeply committed to the citizens of his community, Mayor Thomas M. Menino has served with great diligence and unswerving commitment, earning the admiration, esteem, and affection of his colleagues and community; and

WHEREAS, As he completes his service as Mayor, Thomas M. Menino leaves an indelible imprint on his community, its services and quality of life, and richly merits the gratitude and appreciation of the citizens of Boston, and the recognition and commendation of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Mayor Thomas M. Menino upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mayor Thomas M. Menino.