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Honoring the life of Thomas M. Menino, Mayor of Boston, Massachusetts,
from 1993 to 2014.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 20, 2014

Ms. WARREN (for herself and Mr. MARKEY) submitted the following
resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Honoring the life of Thomas M. Menino, Mayor of Boston,
Massachusetts, from 1993 to 2014.

Whereas Thomas Menino was born on December 27, 1942,
in Readville, in the Hyde Park neighborhood of Boston
where he lived his entire life;

Whereas Thomas Menino was a devoted husband, a loving father,
and an adoring grandfather;

Whereas Thomas Menino was elected to the Boston City
Council in 1983 to represent District 5, including the
Hyde Park neighborhood where he lived;

Whereas Thomas Menino served as City Council president
and became acting mayor of Boston in July 1993;

Whereas Thomas Menino was elected as the 53rd Mayor of Boston in November 1993, the first Italian-American mayor of the city of Boston;

Whereas Mayor Menino subsequently was elected to 4 additional terms, serving an unprecedented 20 years as Mayor of Boston;

Whereas Mayor Menino took pride in being known as the “Urban Mechanic”, focusing on the nuts and bolts issues that kept the city moving forward, from fixing potholes to cleaning up public parks;

Whereas Mayor Menino oversaw a period of growth and urban renewal in Boston, and worked to make Boston a city of safe, livable neighborhoods;

Whereas Mayor Menino led the resurgence of neighborhoods in Boston, from the waterfront and the innovation district of the waterfront to Dudley Square in Roxbury, creating a city with unbounded innovative potential;

Whereas Mayor Menino committed himself to being the “Education Mayor”, using his political will and courage to improve education for all the children in the city;

Whereas Mayor Menino was a powerful advocate for research institutions in Boston, including the world-class hospitals and universities in the city;

Whereas Mayor Menino stood firmly for full equality for every person in every community in Boston, and focused on building an open, accepting, and inclusive city;

Whereas Mayor Menino was a constant presence at public events throughout Boston, greeting residents at countless ribbon cuttings, potluck dinners, and school plays;

Whereas more than half of city residents said they had personally met the Mayor and thousands said the Mayor had personally touched their lives;

Whereas Mayor Menino led Boston with resolve during times of both triumph and crisis, guiding the city following the terrorist attack at the 2013 Boston Marathon and demonstrating what it means to be “Boston Strong”; and

Whereas Mayor Menino was one of the great leaders in the almost 400-year history of Boston, who transformed the city into a modern-day City on a Hill that is a model for the United States and the world: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) honors the lifetime of service by Mayor
3 Menino to the City of Boston and residents of the
4 city;

5 (2) affirms the lasting contributions by Mayor
6 Menino to the City of Boston and to the United
7 States; and

8 (3) requests the Secretary of the Senate to pre-
9 pare an official copy of this resolution for presen-
10 tation to the family of Mayor Thomas Menino.

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