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RESOLUTION RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, State or Federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, in the years following the attacks against America on September 11, 2001, we as a nation have learned that we must be better prepared and more vigilant to guard against terror attacks of any kind, whether in the air, on the ground, under the sea or in cyberspace; and

WHEREAS, we have undertaken many efforts to improve security at airports and at land border crossings with Canada and Mexico; and

WHEREAS, with the help of some federal grants, we have been able to heighten surveillance and take other measures to improve security at many U.S. seaports; and

WHEREAS, too many opportunities still remain for determined terrorists to attack our ports and our shores through relatively easy access to the tens of thousands of ships that make over 50,000 calls each year at U.S. ports, carrying approximately two billion tons of freight, three billion tons of oil, and 134 million passengers each year; and

WHEREAS, we must do more to protect our physical infrastructure, to utilize our technological knowledge and expertise, and to nurture our precious human lives, our future generations and local and regional communities that all contribute to our nation's greatness; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 1535, the "Gauging American Port Security Act" or the "GAPS Act" would allow us to take at least one cautionary step toward improving security at U.S. ports by requiring the U. S. Department of Homeland Security (1) to conduct a study of, and submit to the Congress a report on, remaining gaps in port security in the United States; and (2) to include in such report a prioritization of such gaps and a plan for addressing them;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2013-2014 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for H.R. 1535 (Hahn-CA) and/or similar legislation or administrative actions, which would require the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to take stock of the remaining security gaps at U.S. ports, and to report to Congress on its findings, along with a prioritization of such security gaps and a plan for addressing them.

PRESENTED BY

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