

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1098

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A RESOLUTION to commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Boston Massacre.

WHEREAS, Boston, Massachusetts, was the nexus of revolutionary thought and activity leading up to 1770, as British soldiers occupied the city, adding fuel to the high tension over British taxation and its contribution to the daily struggle of the many living in hardship and poverty; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 1770, a street brawl occurred, whereby British soldiers stationed in Boston opened fire on American colonists, killing five civilians—Samuel Gray, Samuel Maverick, James Caldwell, Crispus Attucks, and Patrick Carr; and

WHEREAS, this event, which is now known as the Boston Massacre, intensified anti-British sentiment and inflamed passions, becoming the first significant event leading to the Revolutionary War; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, Tennesseans across the State will gather to commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that historic day; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pay respectful tribute to the bravery of those who gave their lives on that fateful day, so that their sacrifice serves as a reminder of the cost of our freedom; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we join with the members of the Chickamauga Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution as they commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Boston Massacre as the first occasion associated with the eventual

establishment of the United States of America in 1776 and the Semiquincentennial Celebration of the Revolutionary War.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.