

RESOLUTION

Honorable John T. Rafferty

WHEREAS the Honorable John T. Rafferty received his A.B. degree from Syracuse University in 1970, having served as President of Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honorary, Student Government Representative, Senior Senator-at-Large and having been voted Outstanding Senior; and

WHEREAS the Honorable John T. Rafferty received his J.D. degree from the Syracuse University College of Law in 1973, having been a member of the College of Law Senate, the Moot Court Board the College of Law Speakers' Program and having served as Senior Class President; and

WHEREAS the Honorable John T. Rafferty was admitted to the bars of New York State in 1974, the State of California in 1977, the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, U.S. Court of Appeals for Ninth Circuit, the U.S. Customs Court, and the U.S. Court of Customs and Patent Appeals in 1978; and

WHEREAS the Honorable John T. Rafferty served as an Assistant District Attorney, Erie County (Buffalo), New York, and an Attorney for the U.S. Treasury Department, U.S. Customs Service, in Los Angeles, and as a Special Appeals Officer for The Spastics Society, London, England, and as a Deputy City Attorney for Los Angeles from 1974 through 1985; and

WHEREAS the Honorable John T. Rafferty served as a Court Commissioner in the Municipal Court of Los Angeles, City of Los Angeles and Superior Court of California for the County of Los Angeles for close to twenty five years, while being the only Court Commissioner permanently assigned to a Criminal Jury Trial Courtroom, serving as a Representative on the Municipal Court Executive Board, serving on the Judges' Speakers Bureau and being the sole Court Commissioner to serve as Chair of A Standing Committee; and

WHEREAS the Honorable John T. Rafferty has freely given his time to address neighborhood action groups in West Hollywood, and other areas, on the necessity for community participation and cooperation with the police and the courts; and

WHEREAS the Honorable John T. Rafferty has spent countless hours visiting and encouraging the centers and homes housing the victims of Alzheimer's Disease; and

WHEREAS the Honorable John T. Rafferty has regularly addressed high school students on justice, the justice system and the responsibilities of citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable John T. Rafferty has been honored for his Community Service by the Lawyers for Human Rights LG Bar Association of Los Angeles and has always been committed to promoting the legal and human rights of members of our community and throughout society; and

WHEREAS the Honorable John T. Rafferty is retiring from the judicial bench after close to twenty five years of dedicated service.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and the entire City Council hereby commend and acknowledge the extraordinary dedication of the Honorable John T. Rafferty and for his more than 25 years of service which has made Los Angeles a better place in which to live.

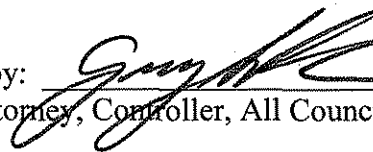
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Rose Gilbert

WHEREAS, Rose Gilbert is beloved by generations of students, she is one of a kind – a spirited teacher and catalyst who for 91 years has lived a life as lengthy and varied as her AP English reading list.

WHEREAS, Rose Gilbert at 91 is the oldest full-time teacher in the Los Angeles Unified School District, and one of the two or three oldest in the nation.

WHEREAS, Rose Gilbert was born on August 2, 1918 in Boyle Heights, a suburb east of downtown Los Angeles, Rose is the daughter of Polish immigrants Abe and Ida Rubin. Her father was a tailor who went on to become the chief tailor for MGM for 35 years, dressing famous stars such as Audrey Hepburn and Judy Garland. Her mother was a homemaker.

WHEREAS, Rose Gilbert attended Malabar Elementary, Belvedere Junior High and Roosevelt High School. An avid reader, Rose took her BA at UCLA in Comparative Literature - French & Spanish, and then completed a combined Masters and Education degree called Screen in 1940.

WHEREAS, While a student, Rose worked as a reader and also taught penmanship to UCLA football players, earning 20 cents an hour. She was on staff at the Daily Bruin and active in a student group protesting Fascism in Europe.

WHEREAS, Rose was married at the time to Jimmy Corn, whom she had met in high school. When their daughter Maggie was born in 1946, Rose left MGM to concentrate on motherhood.

WHEREAS, When Palisades High School opened and the first principal, Dr. Aigner, began recruiting in 1961, Rose jumped at the chance. In her 48 years at Pali, Rose has taught students and the children of those students. She has taught teenagers who are now her teaching colleagues - by some counts, 16; by other counts, 22. She has survived 14 principals and with them, high points

WHEREAS, Rose Gilbert's classroom was and still is a place of intellectual energy, spontaneity and excitement. A204 is lined with books she has donated to the school and adorned with posters, drawings, paeans from past students and assorted memorabilia. New students probably spend an entire month gawking at the walls and ceiling.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Los Angeles honors and congratulates Rose Gilbert for touching the lives of so many with her leadership, wisdom, humanity and intellect. Rose Gilbert is more than a teacher she is an inspiration to all Angelinos.

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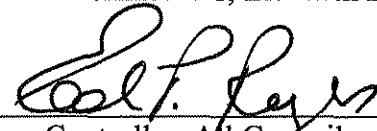
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MARLENE CANTER

WHEREAS, MARLENE CANTER answered the call to public service by finding the perfect measure of her talents and skills in the field of education; first, as a Special Education Teacher at Alta Loma Elementary School, followed by a thirty year position as co-founder and co-CEO of Canter & Associates; one of the world's leading teacher training organizations, training more than 1 million K-12 teachers world-wide; and

WHEREAS, MARLENE CANTER, understanding that progress is not an accident but a necessity - a part of nature - took her years of professional experience in the field of education, and applied her skills to a two-term tenure on the Board of Education for the Los Angeles Unified School District, from 2001 - 2009, where, from 2005 - 2007, she served as Board President; and

WHEREAS, MARLENE CANTER, through her position as Chair of the Board's Charter & Innovation Committee, motivated the combined efforts of her fellow Board Members to create innovative partnerships, provide oversight for charter schools, and facilitate reforms within the District; inspiring nothing but respect and admiration by all those around her; and

WHEREAS, MARLENE CANTER, working within an environment which produces issues of change and challenge; concerns of hope and fear; and questions of fact and uncertainty, always demonstrated nothing but total commitment to enhancing the quality of life for each and every student of the nation's second largest school district; and

WHEREAS, MARLENE CANTER, whether through her position on the State Superintendent P-16 Council, her post on the Board of Directors for her alma mater, Pacific Oaks College, her role as an advisor to the Children's Partnership, or her term on the LAUSD School Board, has always reflected a personality which recognizes the potential for greatness in each and every individual; tapping into that potential with encouragement, order, support and respect; using moral courage as her compass, sound judgment as her guide and unwavering conviction as her source of strength;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that by adoption of this resolution, the LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL, along with the MAYOR, CITY ATTORNEY, and CITY CONTROLLER, expresses sincere appreciation to MARLENE CANTER for her unwavering commitment to developing the talents of the future leaders of our nation, and commends her for continuously supporting the principles, values, benefits and beliefs of how public education is the great equalizer within a democratic society.

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