

RESOLUTION



Posthumously Tommy Jacquette

Whereas, Tommy Jacquette, who passed away on Monday, November 16th, a month shy of his 66th birthday; and

Whereas, born in South Los Angeles in 1943, Tommy and his four brothers and two sisters were raised by their grandmother. At 21, Tommy became a part of the Black Power movement, studying under such noted leaders as Malcolm X. His goal was to bring positive social and economic change to the African American community, especially in Watts; and

Whereas, in 1966, Tommy co-founded the Watts Summer Festival, for which he also served as Executive Director. Their goal was to create a program that would serve as a cultural event which would also stimulate the economy, while providing fun for families. The event has certainly succeeded in fulfilling these goals, and has now been in operation for over 40 years, making it the longest running African American cultural festival in the nation; and

Whereas, Tommy was an active member of the Watts Gang Task Force. He was a staple at weekly meetings, and gave his time and passion to the cause of gang prevention. Tommy was also a founder of the Mothers of Watts, the Watts Health Foundation, and was active in the Sons of Watts. He was also an outreach worker for the Watts-based Westminster Neighborhood Association. He was widely considered to be a walking historian on the Watts community; and

Whereas, he is survived by his mother, two daughters, four sons, one brother, two sisters, twenty grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. He will be dearly, dearly missed:

Now, therefore be it resolved, that by adoption of this resolution, the Mayor, along with the City Attorney, Controller and the Los Angeles City Council do hereby commemorate the memory of Tommy Jacquette and remember him for his diligent work to improve the quality of life for the residents of the City of Los Angeles and extend their sympathy to the bereaved family.

Adopted: November 24, 2009

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LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

Presented by: Janice Hahn
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Councilwoman, 15th District

Seconded by: _____
Mayor, City Attorney, Controller and All Council