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RESOLUTION

MELISSA ETHERIDGE

WHEREAS, Melissa Etheridge has received a star on the World Famous Hollywood Walk of Fame on Tuesday, September 27, 2011; and

WHEREAS, In February 2007, Melissa Etheridge celebrated a career milestone with a victory in the "Best Song" category at the Academy® Awards for "*I Need to Wake Up*," written for the Al Gore documentary on global warming, *An Inconvenient Truth*; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of her more than two decades as a performer and songwriter, Etheridge has shown herself to be an artist who has never allowed "inconvenient truths" to keep her down. Earlier in her recording career, Etheridge acknowledged her sexual orientation when it was considered less than prudent to do so; and

WHEREAS, In October 2004, Etheridge was diagnosed with breast cancer, a health battle that, with her typical tenacity, she won. Despite losing her hair from chemotherapy, Etheridge appeared on the 2005 Grammy® telecast to sing "*Piece of My Heart*" in tribute to Janis Joplin. By doing so she gave hope to many women afflicted with the disease; and

WHEREAS, Born in Leavenworth, Kansas, Melissa Etheridge picked up the guitar at the age of eight and began playing in local bands in her teens. After completing high school, Etheridge was accepted as a student at Boston's Berklee College of Music, but left after only one year to make her way as a performer in Los Angeles. Her bluesy vocal style and riveting stage presence began earning Etheridge a strong following. Legend has it that in a chance encounter at a small club in Long Beach with music industry legend and Island Records founder Chris Blackwell she was signed on the spot; and

WHEREAS, Melissa's first album, *Melissa Etheridge* (1988), was a critically-acclaimed debut that led to an invitation to sing on the 1989 Grammy® Awards broadcast. For several years, her popularity built around such memorable originals as "*Bring Me Some Water*," "*No Souvenirs*" and "*Ain't It Heavy*," for which she won a Grammy® in 1992. Etheridge hit her commercial and artistic stride with her fourth album, *Yes I Am* (1993). The collection featured the massive hits, "*I'm the Only One*" and "*Come to My Window*," a searing song of longing that brought Etheridge her second Grammy® Award for Best Female Rock Performance; and

WHEREAS, In 1995, Etheridge issued her highest charting album, *Your Little Secret*, which was distinguished by the hit single, "*I Want to Come Over*." Her astounding success that year led to Etheridge receiving the Songwriter of the Year honor at the ASCAP Pop Awards in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Melissa continued to write, record, and tour throughout the '90s and into the new millennium, releasing *Skin* (2001) and the upbeat *Lucky* (2004) along with her DVDs *Live and Alone* (2002) and *Lucky Live* (2004). 2005 marked the release of *Greatest Hits: The Road Less Traveled*, which includes "*I Run for Life*," commissioned by Ford Cares as part of their cancer initiative in support of The Susan G. Komen Race For The Cure. The album was recently re-released in an Eco-pak, to include Melissa's Oscar® winning song "*I Need To Wake Up*"; and

WHEREAS, In April 2007, Melissa Etheridge received the distinguished ASCAP Founders Award and released her ninth studio album, *The Awakening*, selected by Rolling Stone Magazine as one of their Top 50 Albums of 2007; and

WHEREAS, In 2009, Melissa released her latest studio album, *Fearless Love*, to a Top 10 Billboard debut. 2011 has been an exciting year of new projects for Melissa. She made her Broadway debut as St. Jimmy in Green Day's rock opera, *American Idiot*. When Melissa is not on tour, she records her syndicated Melissa Etheridge Radio Show for daily broadcast on stations throughout the US and Canada:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution the Los Angeles City Council along with the Mayor hereby congratulates Melissa Etheridge on this well deserved honor of receiving her star on the World Famous Hollywood Walk of Fame.

September 27, 2011

PRESENTED BY:

COUNCILMEMBER ERIC GARCETTI

SECONDED BY:

COUNCILMEMBER TOM LABONGE

MAYOR

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RESOLUTION

RANDAL P. ARASE, MD

Whereas, Dr. Randal P. Arase has been a member of the Medical Staff at St. Vincent Medical Center for thirty years; and

Whereas, Dr. Randal Arase, a native of Minneapolis, Minnesota, attended Medical School at University of California, Los Angeles and graduated in 1972. Dr. Arase served his Internship and Residency at LA County/USC Medical Center from 1972 to 1977. Dr. Arase also completed a Vascular Surgery Fellowship at LA County/USC Medical Center in 1978. Dr. Randal Arase is Board Certified in General Surgery since 1978; and

During his tenure at St. Vincent Medical Center Dr. Randal P. Arase has served as:

- Member of the Continuing Medical Education Committee
- Member and Chairman of the Critical Care Committee
- Member of the Tissue and Transfusion Review Committee
- Member of the Cancer Committee
- Member of the Medical Audit Committee
- Member of the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee
- Member of the Medical Executive Committee
- Member of the Surgery Committee
- Chairman and Member of the General Surgery Section
- Member of the Governing Board of St. Vincent Medical Center

Whereas, Dr. Randal Arase has served as an officer of the medical staff and was Medical Staff President and Chief of Staff from 1995 to 1996; and

Whereas, Dr. Randal Arase has been mentioned by many patients as a physician who has manifested an outstanding spirit of understanding, efficiency and kindness; and

Whereas, Dr. Randal Arase carries out with compassionate commitment and unselfish dedication the mission of the Daughters of Charity in service to the sick and the poor. Dr. Arase is highly respected by his peers; and

Whereas, St. Vincent Medical Center is hosting a tribute in Dr. Randal Arase's honor as Physician of the Year, at the annual St. Luke's Liturgy and Reception on Thursday, October 13, 2011:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, by adoption of this resolution, the City Council of the City of Los Angeles does hereby extend their highest regard to Dr. Randal Arase for his immeasurable contributions, distinguished career and phenomenal service to St. Vincent Medical Center, Daughters of Charity and to mankind. With Best Wishes for continued success in future endeavors.

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RESOLUTION

DIANA K. PAUL

WHEREAS, Criminalist II Diana K. Paul is retiring from the Los Angeles Police Department on September 9, 2011 after more than 30 years of honorable and distinguished service to the citizens of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure on the Department, Diana worked a variety of assignments, including Narcotics, Toxicology, Blood Alcohol, and Firearms Analysis, and she achieved Diplomate certification in the American Board of Criminalistics; and

WHEREAS, More than 21 of her 30 years were dedicated to the Firearms Analysis Unit, which she served with distinction; and

WHEREAS, Diana was an instrumental part in investigating the crime scene at the Vermont and Vernon Officer Involved Shooting, the crime scene search of the Grim Sleeper's residence, as well as acting as a team leader at the North Hollywood Shootout crime scene investigation; and

WHEREAS, Diana was also the primary analyst for the multiple Asian Boyz cases, the Ennis Cosby homicide, the Lori Gonzalez homicide (Granddaughter of Chief Parks), and the shooting of LAPD SWAT Randy Simmons; and

WHEREAS, Diana has imparted her vast crime scene and firearms knowledge to her colleagues in the Department by teaching various forensic courses, including the LAPD Detective schools and the Detective schools for the Institute for Criminal Investigation; and

WHEREAS, Diana has also assisted in the training of recruits on the use of the Breath Alcohol Instrument and her fellow firearms analysts in distance determination and the implementation of the new Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS); and

WHEREAS, Diana has mentored new examiners and facilitated tours of firearms and ammunition manufacturing plants; and

WHEREAS, Diana has received two Meritorious Unit Citations, as well as a number of other commendations from LAPD Divisions/Bureaus and LA County DA's for firearms analyses, crime scene work and testimony. She also received commendations from the United States Attorneys for two federal cases involving possible Daubert hearings, Judge Silver Los Angeles Municipal Court for alcohol analysis testimony, and DDA Baratta for Kelly/Frye hearing testimony:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that by the adoption of this Resolution the City Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby commend Criminalist II Diana K. Paul Lieutenant for her faithful and devoted service to the Los Angeles Police Department.

The City of Los Angeles hereby extends best wishes for a long, happy, and rewarding retirement.

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RESOLUTION
NORBIE LARA

WHEREAS, Norbie Lara joined the United States Army in 1995. His career has taken him from Military Police training at Fort McClellan, Alabama... to his first duty station at Camp Humphreys, South Korea... to an assignment with the 1st Calvary division in Fort Hood, Texas... and deployments to Kuwait and Bosnia. Norbie was assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, GA, when he was deployed to Iraq; and

WHEREAS, In June 2004, while on combat patrol in Iraq, a rock-propelled grenade (RPG) struck Norbie's vehicle. The RPG penetrated the firewall and severed his arm. Shrapnel from the explosion also ripped through Norbie's body, lacerating his liver. Inhaling when the RPG exploded caused severe lung damage; and

WHEREAS, evacuated from the scene, Norbie slipped into unconsciousness and was later placed in a medically-induced coma at Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) in Washington, DC. Norbie awoke in August, clinging to life, unaware that two months had past; and

WHEREAS, It took months of intense therapy at WRAMC before Norbie could even sit up in bed without being winded; and

WHEREAS, through hard work, he was finally able to breathe on his own, relearn how to walk, and even run; and

WHEREAS, Norbie retired in September of 2006 after serving in the United States Army for over 11 years, and returned home to Visalia, California where he lives with his wife, Priscilla and their four children; and

WHEREAS, Norbie represented the US Army at the State of the Union Address in 2005 as First Lady Laura Bush's honored guest; and

WHEREAS, Norbie was awarded Veteran of the Year for both the 38th California Assembly District and by the Visalia Veteran's Committee; and

WHEREAS, Norbie is a highly decorated Soldier, with awards that include a **Purple Heart** and **Bronze Star**; and

WHEREAS, Norbie is currently enrolled at the College of the Sequoias and plans to transfer and graduate from California State University in Fresno with a degree in social work;

WHEREAS, as an expression of the high regard in which you are held by all, the City of Los Angeles applauds your dedication of heart and hand, enthusiasm and integrity demonstrated to the needs of friends, neighbors, and fellow Wounded Warriors with transition into their new life after injury:

NOW, THEREFORE Be it resolved that by the adoption of this resolution the City Council of the City of Los Angeles does hereby commend Sergeant First Class Norbie Lara, (Retired) on his commitment, inspiration, and dedicated service to the United States Army. With Best Wishes for health, happiness and success in all his future endeavors.

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PRESENTED BY: E. G. #

COUNCILMEMBER ERIC GARCETTI

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RESOLUTION

Irvin "Kip" Kipper

WHEREAS, upon returning from the Army Air Corps in World War II, Irvin "Kip" Kipper and his wife, Gertrude "felt young at heart" so they bought their first toyshop at a little hole-in-the-wall location in October 1945; and

WHEREAS, at that time Kip and Gertrude did not have children of their own – sons Don and Robert would come a long a little later – the Kippers decided their new business have something to do with children and would be a good business to run while raising a family; and

WHEREAS, Irvin "Kip" Kipper founded Kip's Toyland at its first location of 3rd Street and Fairfax Avenue for a cost of \$2,000.00; and

WHEREAS, in 1945 there was no such thing as a year-round toy store. Back then hardware stores used to put in a small toy department in early November that would last for a couple of months, and department stores would do promotions at Christmastime. But the war was over and people were starting to have families and suddenly there was a need for someone to specialize in toys and Kip did just that; and

WHEREAS, Kip recalls that when he received his first shipment of balloons, there was such a line of parents and children wanting to purchase a balloon for 25 cents. The balloon was such a novelty because, for many years all the rubber had gone into the war effort; and

WHEREAS, in the early years of Kips Toyland, Kip had to do a considerable amount of work to fill the store up with toys, but within the first 10 years, Kips Toyland moved into two larger locations; and

WHEREAS, then in 1956 the Farmers Market approached Kip and asked if he would be willing to move from his existing location to the Farmer's Market. Kip remembers even back then that the Farmer's Market was the "in place" to be. Movie-stars, people from all over Los Angeles, and all the tourists came to the Farmer's Market; and


WHEREAS, since that time in business, Kip's Toyland has seen the rise of Toys R Us, Kmart, Wal-Mart, Target, and even the fall of FAO Schwartz which came out of bankruptcy in 2002; and


WHEREAS, Kip has managed to hold his own keeping true with his own strategy that has worked for him since he opened his doors. There are no electronic toys to be found on the shelves at Kip's Toyland; rather one will find the classics: Lincoln Logs, Tinker Toys, Slinkys, Monopoly, Pickup Sticks, Hand Puppets, Balsawood gliders, Mr. Potato Head, Etch-a-Sketch, Uncle Milton's Ant Farm, Yahtzee, Spirograph, Parchesi, Jump Ropes, Candyland, Battleship, Legos, Yo-Yos, and many many more....; and

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WHEREAS, Kip spends his days thinking almost exclusively about dolls, trains, and stuffed bears. Monday through Saturday, Kip is still at the store ensuring that his customers find that special toy. Kips Toyland has served generations of families. It is not surprising to learn that there are young people who come in and say that their first visit was with their grandparents, and now they are here with their own children:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of Los Angeles by adoption of this Resolution congratulates Irvin "Kip" Kipper for his continued dedication to providing smiles to children of all ages. We commend you for sharing your love of play and his magical knowledge of toys generation after generation. Kip you are truly an angel in the City of Angels!

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TOM LABONGE
Councilmember, 4th District

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RESOLUTION

Lieutenant II Reynaldo Avalos Serial No. 22100

WHEREAS, Rey Avalos joined the Los Angeles Police Department on February 13, 1978 and graduated on August 30, 1978; and

WHEREAS, Rey 's first assignment was Central Division where he impressed his training officers with his report writing abilities to the extent it was mentioned in each rating report he received while assigned there. Also mentioned in various rating reports were Rey's excelling at learning the basics of police work, including "sound defensive driving tactics" during an emergency run and "good common sense in tactical situations." His training officers instructed Rey to write more tickets; and

WHEREAS, in August, 1979, Rey promoted to the position of Police Officer II and was put on the wheel, ending up in Communications Division where his primary assignment was a Complaint Board Operator. Supervisors indicated Rey exemplified a "high degree of tact" when confronting hostile or unreasonable callers. Rey was occasionally called on to work station security, with "a minimum degree of supervision." Again, Rey was asked to write more tickets; and

WHEREAS, in May, 1980, Rey transferred to 77th Street Division. Numerous ratings told of his proficiency at crime scene control and remaining calm and mature during a highly stressful incident. While at 77th Division, Rey's ratings always mentioned his numerous arrests, handling a high number of radio calls and Field Interviews. This work ethic earned Rey several commendations. Despite all the great work, Rey was still lacking in writing tickets; and

WHEREAS, in September, 1982, Rey was promoted to Police Officer III as a Field Training Officer. He conscientiously tutored probationary officers and impressed his supervisors with his dedication in this area. References of "numerous stressful situations," including getting shot at, where Rey demonstrated his preparedness and good judgment were commonplace (not to mention his multiple Use of Force incidents) in his ratings while at 77th Street Division. The only downside; once again they pleaded with Rey to write more tickets; and

WHEREAS, in March, 1984, Rey transferred to Rampart Division, where, because of his experience, was assigned to train problem probationary officers in the areas of tactics, safety procedures and report writing. Rey received numerous commendations, including being in the top ten in handling radio calls, attention to duty for his crime scene control and expert interview and interrogation techniques. One supervisor commented in 1987, that after almost ten years with this Department, Rey had only taken two sick days, and according to the ratings, evidently written as many tickets; and

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WHEREAS, in December, 1987, Rey promoted to the rank of Sergeant and was ironically transferred to South Traffic Division. Despite mentions in practically every prior rating asking, begging, and pleading with Rey to write more tickets, the Department sent him to supervise those who actually write tickets. Obviously, the powers that be figured this out quickly and transferred him four months later; and

WHEREAS, in March, 1988, Rey transferred to Southwest Division, where his supervision of patrol officers was praised as was his commitment to the Department's Battle Plans. One supervisor commented on Rey's organization and how "unflappable he was in the face of complex tactical challenges," and

WHEREAS, in August, 1989, Rey transferred to Southeast Division, where he continued to hone his skills as a supervisor. Supervisors routinely commented on Rey's exceptional skills and to this end, he was called upon to fill in as Watch Commander on many occasions. Completing his 15th year with the Department, raters were still commenting on Rey's lack of sick days taken (2); and;

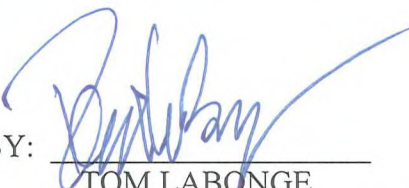
WHEREAS, in April, 1994, Rey was in need of a break and decided to play golf...on duty... as he was selected to work in the Labor Relations Division. Being an avid golfer, Rey was a natural to run the section's annual Turkey Shoot golf tournament...every year while he was there; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, Rey transferred to Internal Affairs Group. Working under the new Consent Decree, Rey developed the full grasp of the legal issues that pertained to the disciplinary system and set out to burn everyone who got in his way over the past 25 years, including those who beat him at golf; and

WHEREAS, in May, 2005, Rey was promoted to Lieutenant and transferred to 77th Street Area. Despite the tremendous workload (as opposed to those tough days chasing a golf ball in Labor Relations), Rey improved his time management skills in District Policing and finally won the praise of his commanding officer for same...just as he was leaving the division for an upgrade; and

WHEREAS, in July, 2006, Rey accepted a Lieutenant II position at Force Investigation Division. While at FID, Rey supervised the Criminal Section at Figueroa Plaza. His effective oversight ensured that only quality Use of Force investigations were forwarded to the Department command staff and Inspector General. Rey accomplished this through meticulous scrutiny of every report which required, on average, several packages of Post-it notes he used to make his corrections and suggestions. Some reports looked like the Yellow Pages when Rey was finished reviewing them. Mondays were usually spent listening to Rey's bragging about his weekend poker skills and golfing abilities:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution, the City Council of the City of Los Angeles, does hereby congratulate and applaud **Lieutenant II Rey Avalos** for his 33 years plus of outstanding service to the citizens of Los Angeles, for his commitment to excellence and affirmation of the Los Angeles Police Department's motto "To Protect and To Serve" and warmly congratulate him and extend best wishes for a long, happy and rewarding retirement.

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TOM LABONGE
Councilmember, 4th District

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