

RESOLUTION

The Gillis Day in the City of Los Angeles

WHEREAS; The Gillis Volleyball Tournament was started in 1971 by Steve and Dave Cressman at Gillis Beach in Playa del Rey, with just 17 teams playing on one court; and

WHEREAS; this event has grown considerably larger over the last four decades, with 170 teams and over 600 players signed up to compete on 28 courts at this year's 42nd annual tournament, which will take place on August 11th and 12th; and

WHEREAS; Gillis Beach was aptly named after Gillis Street, a one block-long street in Playa del Rey that ends at the sand; and

WHEREAS; this beach community has seen great transformation over the years and the tournament has now been held at various locations along the Playa Del Rey coastline over the 42 years it has been in existence; and

WHEREAS; it was on Gillis Beach where junior high and high school students from the surrounding community learned what the Southern California beach lifestyle was all about; and

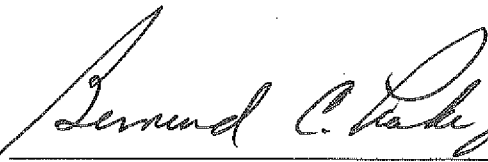
WHEREAS; the history of Playa del Rey and of Gillis Beach is preserved through this tournament each year, which serves as a reunion for those that grew up in the area, making The Gillis a "locals" event like no other; and

WHEREAS; while a competitive event, teams play with a spirit of fun and teamwork – with many of them wearing costumes and performing skits; and

WHEREAS; The Gillis is a Playa del Rey tradition that has enriched the community and will continue to serve as model for future generations to come:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council hereby declares August 10, 2012 as The Gillis Day in the City of Los Angeles, in recognition of this annual event's tremendous contributions to the local community.

PRESENTED BY:



BILL ROSENDAHL
Councilmember, 11th District

SECONDED BY:



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Yet Lock Day in the City of Los Angeles

WHEREAS, Yet Lock, an extraordinary figure in the history of journalism in California, has retired as executive vice president of City News Service, the nation's largest regional wire service. Yet's legendary, gentlemanly and wise leadership has been a profound part of the CNS success story for the past forty years; and

WHEREAS, Yet Lock joined City News Service in 1972, having come to CNS from the post he held as press secretary in the office of Los Angeles Mayor Sam Yorty. Throughout his four decades with CNS, and thanks to his business acumen and journalistic know-how, Yet helped forge the growth of a news agency that has been of transcendent value to the people of Los Angeles, for by promoting the capacity of this city and region to have a well-informed populace, the quality of our governance is much enhanced. Now, possibly ranking as the longest-serving news executive in Southern California, Yet leaves behind him an enduring, living legacy, a robust and vibrant journalistic enterprise that bursts forth with news each day, 24 hours a day, for CNS has fulltime reporters at all major beats in Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego and Riverside counties, along with its 24-hour editing desk in West Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, CNS, founded in 1928, has become an absolutely essential and heroic institution in the realm of news reportage, providing constant and determined coverage while also being a crucial link between newsmakers and all who report on them. During Yet Lock's time with CNS, many remarkable reporters, benefiting greatly from his generous assistance and direction, have displayed relentless diligence while tackling stories big and small, offering astute insights and sacrificing blood, sweat and tears in order to ensure clarity and a reliable flow of accurate information in news reports about public affairs and all matters of civic and cultural doings; and

WHEREAS, Yet Lock is renowned and revered for his cordiality, kindness, professionalism and dedication, demonstrated time and again, day after day, in his upholding of the finest principles and tenets of journalism, and through his knowledgeable and personable relationships with CNS subscribers (many of whom, spanning the region and globe, that Yet signed up personally) and staff. Almost all major media – TV, radio, print and Internet – in Southern California subscribe, as do most national and international broadcast, print and internet media that cover Southern California. The CNS wire service and budget rank among the most valued, critical tools for countless people involved in the key events and ongoing endeavors of our times, helping enable the vastly diverse and ever-evolving news media to decide how, when and where to best provide coverage; and

WHEREAS, ever one to rise to the occasion to meet a journalistic need, Yet Lock was instrumental in setting up and coordinating with the courts the media coverage of the O.J. Simpson criminal and civil trials and the Robert Blake trial, and for the O.J. trial he put together what may have been the nation's first setup taking the court reporter's real-time work and sending it to a bank of modems in the CNS office, thus allowing major media from around the country to receive real-time transcripts. This was a tremendous achievement in the relatively early days of computerization, with Yet the impeccable go-between for the media and the judges and their courts; and

WHEREAS, Yet Lock's parents came to St. Louis from China and later bought a grocery store in Hughes, Arkansas – the town, about thirty miles west of Memphis, where Yet grew up: theirs was one of only two Asian families in Hughes. He would graduate from Northwestern University and its famed journalism program, becoming a public school teacher before joining the mayor's office. During his years with CNS, he has also been regularly involved in community service, including by serving as president of the Chinatown Chamber of Commerce in Downtown Los Angeles and working with the Asian American Journalists Association, which has honored him for "paving the way for Asian Americans." Along with his beloved wife, actress June Kyoto Lu, Yet was one of a handful of people who launched the East-West Players. He has chaired the Asian Pacific American Friends of the Center Theatre Group, and has served on various boards and in leadership roles with the Music Center; and

WHEREAS, Yet Lock has retired from City News Service, but will always be treasured and admired by his many friends and the field of journalism as a whole, and so the world abounds with best wishes for a delightful retirement to be enjoyed with June:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Los Angeles City Council hereby declares July 27, 2012, to be "Yet Lock Day in the City of Los Angeles." The City Council furthermore congratulates Yet Lock on the culmination of his tremendous career, thanks him for the contributions he's made to society, and offers its hopes for the mightiest and sweetest of years ahead in retirement. Through steadfast ways and caring deeds, Yet Lock has made Los Angeles a better place in which to work and live.

Adopted: July 27, 2012

Presented by: Paul Koretz
PAUL KORETZ, Councilmember, 5th District

Seconded by: Paul Hagan
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