

RESOLUTION

LOU FERRIGNO

WHEREAS, Lou Ferrigno is an internationally famous actor, fitness trainer, fitness consultant, and retired professional bodybuilder, who has understood the importance of maintaining a healthy body and lifestyle starting from a very young age; and

WHEREAS, Lou Ferrigno began weight training at age thirteen in order to compete in bodybuilding competitions, winning his first major title, the International Federation of BodyBuilding's Mr. America in 1969 and the International Federation of BodyBuilding's Mr. Universe in 1973, just four years later; and

WHEREAS, Lou Ferrigno maintained another job aside from his work bodybuilding as a sheet metal worker in a factory in Brooklyn, New York in order to maintain a steady income for himself and his family; and

WHEREAS, Lou Ferrigno has competed in a number of bodybuilding competitions such as the Mr. Olympia competition, the World's Strongest Man competition, and Masters Olympia, and has been the inspiration behind the making of two documentaries: *Pumping Iron* and *Stand Tall*. Mr. Ferrigno has also utilized his strength to train people such as Michael Jackson; and

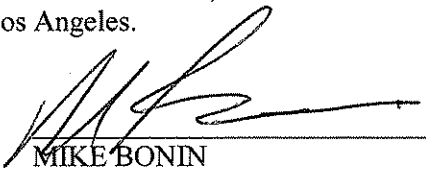
WHEREAS, Lou Ferrigno has also had a very successful acting career, having the opportunity to play the role of one of his childhood heroes, the Hulk in the show *The Incredible Hulk* for four years, and later in three *The Incredible Hulk* television movies. Lou also had guest star and cameo roles on the sitcom *The King of Queens*, the movie *Hulk*, and *I Love You, Man*; and

WHEREAS, Lou Ferrigno has exemplified great philanthropy, having been sworn in as a Los Angeles County, California reserve sheriff's deputy in 2006 and appearing on the *The Celebrity Apprentice* in 2012 to raise money for his charity, the Muscular Dystrophy Association; and

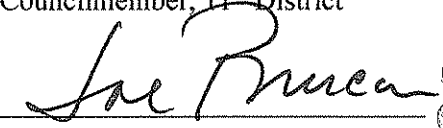
WHEREAS, Lou Ferrigno, despite his hearing impairment, has used his hearing loss to help shape his sense of determination, starting in his youth, attributing this for being where he is today;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the adoption of this resolution the Los Angeles City Council does hereby express sincere appreciation to Lou Ferrigno for his unwavering commitment to fitness, bodybuilding, acting, and philanthropy, and commends him for showcasing our human capacity for good, our basic instinct for kindness, and our national heritage of public service as a resident of the City of Los Angeles.

PRESENTED BY:


MIKE BONIN
Councilmember, 11th District

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Vin Diesel

WHEREAS, Vin Diesel, a native of New York City, has become one of Hollywood's most sought-after film stars. In addition to his huge box-office success, Diesel is a prominent producer and filmmaker. Most recently he headlined and produced the upcoming third chapter in *The Chronicles of Riddick* franchise titled *Riddick*; and

WHEREAS, Diesel was most recently seen in *Fast and Furious 6*, which broke box-office records for Universal Studios. He wore multiple hats on both *Fast Five*, the fifth installment of the blockbuster series as well as *Fast & Furious*, reprising his role as Dominic Toretto and producing the films, along with Neal H. Moritz. He also wrote and directed the original short film *Los Bandoleros*. The short was showcased on the *Fast & Furious* DVD and tells the intriguing back-story of the characters and events leading up to the explosive oil truck heist in the film; and

WHEREAS, Another recent endeavor in his entrepreneurial rise is the creation of Diesel's successful video game company, Tigon Studios, which created and produced 2004's top-selling Xbox game, *The Chronicles of Riddick: Escape From Butcher Bay*; and

WHEREAS, Diesel previously starred alongside Michelle Yeoh in 20th Century Fox's *Babylon A.D.*, for director Mathieu Kassovitz. In this thriller, Diesel played a veteran-turned mercenary who takes the high-risk job of escorting a woman from Russia to China. He is unaware that she is carrying an organism that a cult wants to harvest to produce a genetically modified messiah; and

WHEREAS, Diesel was also seen in the courtroom drama *Find Me Guilty*, directed by renowned filmmaker Sidney Lumet. Set in the '80s, the film documents the famous mob trial in which 20 members of a mob family stood trial for three long years. Diesel earned critical acclaim for his portrayal of Jackie DiNorscio, the one mobster who chose to forgo his rights to an attorney and defended himself. To play this role, Diesel transformed himself into DiNorscio, putting on 20 pounds to play a 47-year-old Italian mobster; and

WHEREAS, Diesel will play the title role in *Hannibal the Conqueror*, which tells the story of the Carthaginian general who rode an elephant across the Alps to attack Rome in the third century B.C. In addition to this film, Diesel's One Race Films Productions will produce *Hannibal the Barbarian*, a children's animated series based on the stories of *Hannibal* for the BET network. Diesel's future projects also include Touchstone's *Player's Rule*. The film, written by Ron Bass and Jen Smolka, will be Diesel's first role as the lead in a romantic comedy. Diesel will also star in *The Wheelman*. Diesel's Tigon Studios and Midway Games will collaborate to release the film and video game simultaneously; and

WHEREAS, Diesel starred in his first comedy feature for Disney, *The Pacifier*, opposite Faith Ford, Brad Garrett, Lauren Graham and Brittany Snow. The film, directed by Adam Shankman, followed an undercover agent who, after failing to protect an important government scientist, learns that the scientist's family is in danger. In an effort to redeem himself, he agrees to take care of the man's children—only to discover that childcare is his toughest mission yet. The *Pacifier* was a huge box-office success.

WHEREAS, In the much anticipated science-fiction feature *The Chronicles of Riddick*, Diesel reprised the title role of Richard B. Riddick. The film was the follow-up to the cult favorite *Pitch Black*. Diesel previously starred in the action-thriller *A Man Apart*, which he also produced; and

WHEREAS, Topping Diesel's list of credits is his star turn in *The Fast and the Furious*, for which he won an MTV Movie Award for Best On-Screen Team, along with co-star Paul Walker, and was nominated for Best Male Performance. He also starred in the blockbuster *xxX*, which he executive produced. Diesel appeared in *Saving Private Ryan*, for which he was nominated for a Screen Actors Guild Award as part of the film's ensemble cast. His other credits include roles in *Boiler Room* and *Knockaround Guys* and the voice of the title character in *The Iron Giant*, which won an Annie Award for Best Animated Feature; and

WHEREAS, Diesel wrote, produced, directed and starred in the independent short *Multi-Facial*, which explored the issue of being multiracial in today's society. The film follows Diesel, whose mother is Caucasian and biological father is African-American, on several auditions in which he is told he is either "too black" or "too white" for the part. It was after seeing this short at the 1995 Cannes Film Festival that director Steven Spielberg created the role of Private Adrian Carparzo in specifically for Diesel. In addition, he also penned, produced, directed and starred in the full-length feature *Strays*, a film that he describes as a "multicultural Saturday Night Fever." The drama was selected to compete at the 1997 Sundance Film Festival; and

WHEREAS, Diesel, on Monday, August 26, 2013, will be presented with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council does hereby commend and congratulate, **VIN DIESEL** on the occasion of being presented with his star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. We wish him many years of continued success on all future endeavors.

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MITCH O'FARRELL
Councilmember, 13th District

Seconded by:

All Members

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Screen Actor's Guild – American Federation of Television and Radio Artists The First National Convention

WHEREAS, the Screen Actor's Guild-American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (SAG-AFTRA) is holding its inaugural National Convention from September 26, 2013 through September 29, 2013 in downtown Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, SAG-AFTRA was formed as one union on March 30, 2012 when the Screen Actors Guild and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, by an overwhelming majority vote by their members, merged; and

WHEREAS, SAG-AFTRA, with fifteen local offices across the United States, represents more than 165,000 actors, announcers, broadcasters, journalists, dancers, DJs, news writers, news editors, program hosts, puppeteers, recording artists, singers, stunt performers, voiceover artists and other media professionals; and

WHEREAS, SAG-AFTRA is committed to organizing all work done under their jurisdictions, negotiating the best wages, working conditions and health and pension benefits for its members. They preserve and expand members' work opportunities, working with governments at the international, federal, state and local levels; and

WHEREAS, SAG-AFTRA has a Los Angeles Local, the largest in the union, comprised of a diverse membership; and

WHEREAS, SAG-AFTRA's strength is in their diversity. They are proud to be a model of inclusion, democratic organization and governance; and

WHEREAS, SAG-AFTRA and its delegates are making union history with their first National Convention held at LA Live in downtown Los Angeles. They continue to protect their members and work for their future under the convention's theme, United for Our Future;

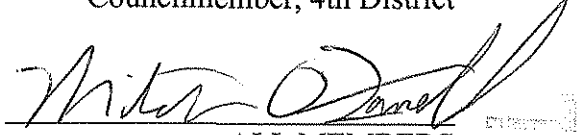
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on behalf of the Los Angeles City Council, we hereby salute the SCREEN ACTOR'S GUILD-AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TELEVISION AND RADIO ARTISTS at the welcome reception for its inaugural National Convention on September 25, 2013. We congratulate them on the successful merger and for its distinguished history, advocacy and accomplishments on behalf of its members and for its vital role in the City of Los Angeles. We wish you all the best in future endeavors. You are all truly Angels in the City of Angels!

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TOM LABONGE
Councilmember, 4th District

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