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COMMENDATORY

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Larry Aubry was born on October 5, 1933 in New Orleans, Louisiana and moved to a primary black neighborhood in South Central Los Angeles in 1942; and

WHEREAS, he attended Jefferson and Fremont High Schools and was one of the first Blacks to attend. This harrowing experience of integration into predominantly white schools shaped the course of his career; and

WHEREAS, he served in the Air Force before attending Xavier University and transferring to UCLA, where he graduated in 1959 with a degree in psychology. He later did graduate work in public administration at USC; and

WHEREAS, Larry Aubry worked as a Los Angeles County Probation Officer before joining the County's Human Relations Commission in 1967; and

WHEREAS, from the beginning, Larry Aubry's focus and passion was to improve the lives and conditions for black people. He founded and worked with many groups, including the Black Latino Roundtable, the Black Korean Alliance and the Multicultural Collaborative; and

WHEREAS, Larry Aubry was particularly concerned about school equality and served as Vice President and Education Chair for the L.A. branch of the NAACP and served two terms on the Inglewood School Board; and

WHEREAS, Larry Aubry worked with traditional civil rights organizations, including the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the Urban League; and

WHEREAS, Larry Aubry was a staunch supporter of worker rights and served as Vice President of the A. Phillip Randolph Institute and was on the founding committee of the Black Workers Center; and

WHEREAS, Larry Aubry served as a board member of the Inglewood Coalition for Drug and Violence Prevention, and was a member of the Reparations United Front and the Committee to Save King Drew Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, in the wake of the Devin Brown shooting in 2005, Larry helped found Community Call to Action and Accountability (CCAA), a prototype of Black Lives Matter, which he also supported; and

WHEREAS, Larry Aubry was a founding member of Black Community Clergy and Labor Alliance (BCCLA), a group that fostered unity and action among many people working for racial justice. He also founded the Advocates for Black Strategic Alternatives (ABSA), a policy discussion group; and

WHEREAS, he began writing for the L.A. Sentinel in the early 1980s. In 2005, he was honored by

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the Southern California Library in recognition of a lifetime of being unafraid to speak the truth, build bridges, and work to bring justice to Los Angeles through his outstanding journalism as a columnist for the Sentinel. Larry wrote for the Sentinel for 33 years and submitted over 1,700 columns; and

WHEREAS, Larry Aubry was well known as a community activist and leader in South Los Angeles and across the city for his work on improving the conditions for disenfranchised black communities through coalition-building with diverse cultural and ethnic groups across Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, Larry Aubry was known as the “ Movement Father;” and mentor who always stressed the importance of multiracial unity and black power in our communities. He helped advance the Black agenda for racial justice; and

WHEREAS, the hearts of our city are heavy in mourning the loss of a community leader, an activist, mentor, friend, husband and father who spoke truth to power and will forever be cherished for dedicating his life to improving the conditions for disenfranchised black communities:

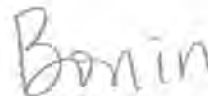
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council does hereby honor and will always remember the legacy of Larry Aubry. His activism and love for our communities inspire all who had the pleasure and blessing of knowing him. May he rest in power and live on in our hearts forever.

Presented By: _____



MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
Councilman, Eighth District

Seconded By: _____



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