

RESOLUTION NO. 204511

DEC 23 1971

WHEREAS, Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, American, diplomat, statesman, teacher, scholar and peacemaker, died on Thursday, December 9, 1971; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Johnson Bunche, the son of Olive and Fred Bunche, born in Detroit, Michigan, August 7, 1904, in 1917 became a resident of Southern California, his home until later in his adult life; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bunche had a distinguished academic record, graduating Phi Beta Kappa from UCLA, with a degree in International Relations, from Harvard University with Master's and Doctor of Philosophy degrees, doing further postdoctoral work at Northwestern University, the London School of Economics and the University of Capetown in South Africa, later becoming a distinguished member of the faculty at Howard University, Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bunche had a long and honored career as a servant of peace, participating in the creation of the United Nations, first as a member of the United States delegation to the 1945 San Francisco conference where the United Nations Charter was drafted and later as a delegate to the preparatory meetings of the United Nations in London and to the First General Assembly in 1946; and

WHEREAS, his service in single-handedly negotiating the Middle East armistice in 1948 won him the 1950 Nobel Peace Prize, but served really as a harbinger of great and successful diplomatic efforts by Dr. Bunche in the pursuit of peace in the Congo, Suez, Lebanon, Yemen and Cypress; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bunche retired on October 1, 1971, as Under Secretary-General of the United Nations, highest ranking American in the Secretariat of that organization, having served under all three of the Secretaries-General who have been in office throughout the history of the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bunche visited San Diego on several occasions and expressed his fondness and admiration for our community; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, as follows:

That the late Dr. Ralph Johnson Bunche is honored for his outstanding contributions to all humanity during his long and dedicated career in the pursuit of peace; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Dr. Bunche's widow, Mrs. Ruth Harris Bunche, and to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as an expression of the citizens of the City of San Diego of extreme sorrow in the passing of this great American.

By 
John W. Witt, City Attorney

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Passed and adopted by the Council of The City of San Diego on
by the following vote:

Councilmen	Yeas	Nays	Excused	Absent
Gil Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maureen F. O'Connor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Henry L. Landt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leon L. Williams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Floyd L. Morrow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bob Martinet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Allen Hitch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jim Bates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mayor Pete Wilson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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PETE WILSON

Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

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EDWARD NIELSEN

City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By LaVerne E. Miller Deputy.

Office of the City Clerk, San Diego, California

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