

R. 79-397
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RESOLUTION NO. 221773

WHEREAS, on the afternoon of August 23, 1978, San Diego Police Officers were dispatched to investigate reports of a man with a gun near the Rolando Elementary School and the responding officers located a man on the school grounds with a rifle holding four hostages; and

WHEREAS, Police Officer Kathy Thaxton assumed control and began negotiating with the armed individual who was threatening to kill anyone who approached him; and

WHEREAS, Officer Thaxton continued to negotiate after the armed individual became violent, firing two shots at Officer Thaxton; and

WHEREAS, such continued negotiations by Officer Thaxton resulted in the release of two of the four hostages and allowed the Police Department sufficient time to dispatch additional equipment and personnel to the scene; and

WHEREAS, Officer Thaxton conducted these negotiations at great personal risk; and

WHEREAS, all of the hostages were eventually released unharmed and the armed individual was taken into custody;
NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that the City Council, on behalf of the citizens of San Diego, does hereby express their appreciation to Officer Kathy Thaxton for her courage and devotion to duty in a very

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difficult situation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Officer Thaxton be commended for securing the release of two hostages and sparing them from the threat of serious injury and possibly death.

APPROVED: JOHN W. WITT, City Attorney

By Stuart H. Swett
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Chief Deputy City Attorney

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AUTHENTICATED BY:

PETE WILSON

Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

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CHARLES G. ABDELNOUR

City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By *Berrie A. Duncan*, Deputy.

Office of the City Clerk, San Diego, California

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