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WHEREAS, Willie O'Ree became the first black professional hockey player in the United States; and

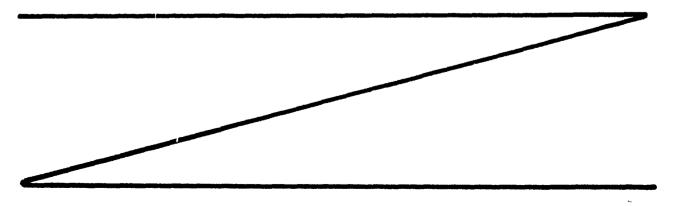
WHEREAS, he is now observing the 25th anniversary of the occasion of his first appearance in a National Hockey League game; and

WHEREAS, that effort and career commitment paved the way for other young black athletes captivated by the challenge of ice hockey; and

WHEREAS, Willie O'Ree's inspirational career on the ice has served as a model for other minority youth who seek careers in sports; and

WHEREAS, Willie O'Ree, once called the "fastest man on skates," now takes his place beside Jackie Robinson as a pathfinder in professional sports; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that the this Council, for and on behalf of itself and the citizens of The City of San Diego, does hereby recognize and congratulate Willie O'Ree on the 25th Anniversary of his first



professional game apperance in the National Hockey League, an occasion commemorating the first participation by a black player in a National Hockey League game.

APPROVED: John W. Witt, City Attorney

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Chief Deputy City Attorney

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