

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 283411

ADOPTED ON FEB 22 1994

WHEREAS, Ms. Sylura Barron was born on December 25, 1900 in Mansfield, Louisiana, and came to San Diego in 1924; and

WHEREAS, in 1936, Ms. Barron helped organize the first Democratic Club, and in 1948 she was the first African American woman full delegate for the Democratic Party and cast her vote for Harry Truman; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Barron owned and published The San Diego Star, a community newspaper to help raise money for less fortunate children in her neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, changing from a predominately white neighborhood to a black neighborhood, she helped organize Valencia Park Improvement Association in the early 1960s; and

WHEREAS, she helped sponsor Martin Luther King Jr.'s visit to San Diego on May 29, 1964 to help establish The Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and today is still active nationally; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Barron has been a civic and community activist for over forty years, working hard to improve the quality of life for not only African Americans, but all in her community; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, hereby commends Ms. Sylura Barron for her commitment and

dedication in bettering the quality of life for people of color.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that February 11, 1994 be and is hereby proclaimed to be "MS. SYLURA BARRON DAY" in The City of San Diego.

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