

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 286184

ADOPTED ON JUL 31 1995

WHEREAS, in 1882 a prominent civic leader invited twelve of his friends to meet in his office to discuss the forming of the Young Men's Christian Association ("YMCA") in San Diego. This civic-minded individual was George Marston; and

WHEREAS, YMCA work began in Hubbell Hall, on Fifth Street east of F Street and several locations were used including a structure with a gymnasium in 1891; and

WHEREAS, the first night school and job placement office were established to help young men flocking to San Diego and a building campaign was later organized raising \$150,000 in 1911, with the former 8th and C streets building being dedicated in March 1913; and

WHEREAS, because of the Association's tremendous interest in the welfare of boys, the community made Camp Marston possible; and

WHEREAS, in 1959 arrangements were made to form a new organization known as the Young Men's Christian Association of San Diego and San Diego County comprised of seven districts, including the Southwest branch; and

WHEREAS, the Southeast San Diego YMCA moved to its present site, at 151 North 45th, in 1957; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the swimming pool and bathhouse was completed, after a citizen's committee headed by Dr. Vell R. Wyatt solicited a total of \$68,000 for the project; and

WHEREAS, on August 27, 1973 through a voting process involving staff, board members, and community schools, the name of the YMCA was changed from the Southeast YMCA and renamed the Jackie Robinson Memorial Branch YMCA, in honor of the late Jackie Robinson, a Hall of Fame baseball player with the Brooklyn Dodgers; and

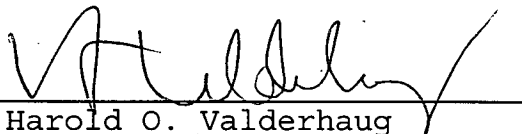
WHEREAS, Councilman George Stevens, because of his commitment to our youth and residents of the Fourth Council District provided \$136,000, in Community Development Block Grants, to the Jackie Robinson YMCA for swimming pool repairs and security systems; and

WHEREAS, the YMCA is San Diego County's oldest and largest organization dedicated to serving youth and family and naming a street for the Association would memorialize its great contributions and accomplishments; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that as a tribute to the many accomplishments of the YMCA, North 45th Street, beginning at Imperial Avenue north to the end of the cul-de-sac (100 block of South 45th Street), be changed to "YMCA WAY."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the requirements regarding petitions, circulation and sign-off by affected property owners contained in Council Policy 600-12 are hereby waived and the City Manager is hereby directed to take whatever actions are necessary, within the confines of the City budget, to accomplish the name change and install new street name signs.

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