

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 286903

ADOPTED ON FEB 12 1996

WHEREAS, the San Diego Hall of Champions is celebrating its 50th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the Hall of Champions has promoted, preserved and recognized athletic achievement in San Diego to inspire individuals of all ages to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, the Hall of Champions sponsors a youth outreach program "Say YES to Sports" to keep youngsters active in after-school activities and out of harms way; and

WHEREAS, the Hall of Champions has recognized thousands of prep, amateur, and professional athletes with awards and certificates for 50 years; and

WHEREAS, the Hall of Champions is a sports museum located in Balboa Park to showcase the rich heritage of sports in San Diego representing thousands of athletes and dozens of sports; and

WHEREAS, San Diego businessman and former coach Bob Breitbard founded the San Diego Hall of Champions and established the awards program to recognize athletic achievement in San Diego; and

WHEREAS, the greatest honor for a local athlete is induction into the Breitbard Hall of Fame which is the centerpiece of the Hall of Champions Sports Museum; and

WHEREAS, the 50th Salute to the Champions Dinner on February 13, 1996 will induct Randy Jones and Craig Stadler to the

Breitbard Hall of Fame and will recognize Ted Williams as the Star of the 1/2 Century, Tony Gwynn as the Professional Star of the Year, George Jones as the Amateur Star of the Year, Richard Draney as the Disabled Athlete of the Year, and Buzzie Bavasi as the Community Champion; 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 congratulates the Hall of Champions on 50 years of successful programs and support of the region's professional and amateur athletes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that February 13, 1996 be and is hereby proclaimed to be "SAN DIEGO HALL OF CHAMPIONS DAY" in The City of San Diego.

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