

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 287286

ADOPTED ON MAY 13 1996

WHEREAS, Bill Whittaker began his official career with the Park and Recreation Department of The City of San Diego on May 5, 1946 as a recreation aide assigned to the Golden Hill Recreation Center and the former Horace Mann Junior High School; and

WHEREAS, Bill worked at these sites until he was promoted to Senior Recreation Leader in 1952 when he was assigned to the University Heights area; and

WHEREAS, Bill remained in the University Heights area full-time until 1956 when hired by Saint Augustine High School as their baseball coach; and

WHEREAS, as a Recreation Leader from 1956 through 1968, Bill worked in the University Heights area at Alice Birney Elementary, Central Elementary, McKinley Elementary, and John Adams Elementary schools; and

WHEREAS, Bill was assigned as a year-round recreation leader at the Hoover High School gymnasium from 1968 through 1994; and

WHEREAS, Bill has been assigned to Canyonside Community Park in Rancho Penasquitos for the past two years; and

WHEREAS, during the past fifty years, Coach Whittaker has coached American Legion baseball, youth basketball, flag football, along with conducting a variety of activities ranging from arts and crafts to marble tournaments; and

WHEREAS, many of the youth Bill coached and mentored have

gone on to play professional sports, among them Craig Nettles, Monte Jackson, Eddie Williams and Brent Strom; and

WHEREAS, Bill has always helped young people reach their full potential by providing leadership, discipline, and encouragement; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 1996, Coach Bill Whittaker marked his 50th anniversary with The City of San Diego and has been a tremendous asset to the San Diego Park and Recreation Department; 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, does hereby recognize Coach Bill Whittaker for his 50 years of personal commitment and dedication to working with the youth of San Diego through The City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Monday, May 13, 1996 be and is hereby proclaimed to be "**COACH BILL WHITTAKER DAY**" in The City of San Diego.

APPROVED: JOHN W. WITT, City Attorney

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