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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 288514

ADOPTED ON APR 07 1997

WHEREAS, Bill Otterson had the great honor and distinction of receiving the National 1996 Entrepreneur of the Year Award in the category of "Supporter of Entrepreneurship" by Ernst & Young; and

WHEREAS, Bill has served as the co-founder and director of the University of California at San Diego (UCSD) CONNECT since 1986 where his expertise and brilliance earned him countless distinctions and accolades; and

WHEREAS, Bill dedicates numerous hours coaching researchers and entrepreneurs, nurturing emerging high-tech and bio-tech companies, facilitating technology transfers to the private sector and educating the public on the benefits and results of economic growth in our community; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining CONNECT, Bill co-founded several high-tech companies including Overland Data, Inc., Quintessential Solutions, AcuCoba, Lexocorp and Cipher Data Products, which grew into a \$200 million computer peripheral manufacturing company; and

WHEREAS, Bill is an impassioned advocate for cancer patients and is a national speaker on the need for patients to speak out in support of medical research; and

WHEREAS, Bill is also the co-founder of the National Association of Cancer Patients, has served with C.U.R.E. to support medical research, is a member of the Board of Directors of the UCSD Cancer Center Foundation and is a member of the UCSD Chancellor's Associates; and

WHEREAS, Bill has devoted great effort to promoting the need for water resources to

support industry in San Diego and was recently appointed to the Southwestern Low Level Radioactive Waste Commission and the Governor's Council on Biotechnology by California Governor Pete Wilson; and

WHEREAS, Bill's leadership has made him a very-sought-after member of the Lincoln Club, as the goals of both Bill and the Lincoln Club are very similar in many regards; and

WHEREAS, shortly after joining the Lincoln Club, Bill became a member of their Board of Directors; combined, their goal is to promote and protect the ability of businesses to stay in business and do so with an eye toward what is good for the community and for society; 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 and commend Bill Otterson for his leadership, vision, spirit and efforts he has dedicated to the betterment of the people, industry and economy of San Diego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in recognition of Bill's tireless dedication and devotion to making San Diego a wonderful place to do business, Thursday, March 27, 1997 is hereby proclaimed to be "**BILL OTTERSON DAY**" in The City of San Diego.

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