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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 288582  
ADOPTED ON APR 28 1997

WHEREAS, in August of 1923, Earl and Birdie Taylor, along with their children, Erma and Vernon, moved to San Diego and made their home in the small but promising community of Pacific Beach; and

WHEREAS, originally a farmer from western Kansas, Earl and his wife Birdie purchased several parcels of property along Garnet Avenue and were instrumental in initiating many public improvements to western Pacific Beach, including the first paved road, sidewalks, street lighting and the construction of a pier; and

WHEREAS, Erma and Vernon began buying their first property in 1925 with earnings from after-school jobs; and

WHEREAS, from 1926 to 1929, Earl established a real estate office and began subdividing, developing and selling residential parcels while Erma and Vernon attended local schools; and

WHEREAS, with the advent of the Great Depression, the Taylors lost most of their holdings in Pacific Beach, including the family home, and moved to Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, in 1937, Erma returned to Pacific Beach, obtained her real estate license and opened an office; and

WHEREAS, Vernon worked his way through UCLA until he graduated in 1938 and married, after which he continued leasing and operating a Texaco Station near the campus; and

WHEREAS, in 1941, he was called to active duty in the Army and received an ROTC

commission as a Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, during the war, Vernon served at Camp Callan near La Jolla and later served on General MacArthur's headquarter staff in the Phillipines and New Guinea; and

WHEREAS, Earl and Birdie returned to Pacific Beach in 1938 and they joined the real estate business started by Erma, operating the office through World War II; and

WHEREAS, Vernon sent his military pay home to purchase property, returned to Pacific Beach after the war, obtained a real estate license and also joined the family business; and

WHEREAS, Vernon and Ardis Taylor had two children, Lori and Ron; and

WHEREAS, as the decades progressed, Vernon assumed most of the responsibility for the family interests in Pacific Beach and constructed many of the existing buildings that can still be found in the commercial district; and

WHEREAS; in 1971, Earl Taylor and Vernon's wife, Ardis, both passed away; and in 1978, Birdie Taylor passed away; and Vernon later remarried Mary Gray; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, Vernon and Mary Taylor, with Erma Taylor O'Brien, purchased the former Farnum Elementary School site for \$1.25 million; and

WHEREAS, in 1995 they donated \$2.5 million for the construction of a new public library and park to be named in honor of their parents' memory; and

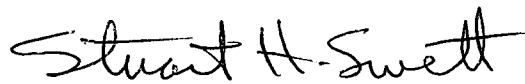
WHEREAS, on February 3, 1996, ground was broken for construction of the Earl and Birdie Taylor Library; and

WHEREAS, on May 3, 1997, the community of Pacific Beach will officially open their new library in the presence of the Taylor and O'Brien Families, as well as many distinguished dignitaries and guests; 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 proclaim Saturday, May 3, 1997 to be "TAYLOR FAMILY DAY" in San Diego, in honor of Earl and Birdie Taylor's many personal achievements and their overall dedication to the community, as well as that of Vernon and Mary Taylor, and Erma and Farley O'Brien.

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