

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 289478

ADOPTED ON NOV 24 1997

WHEREAS, the Mayor and members of the San Diego City Council recognize the extraordinary effort necessary to initiate any significant public project; and

WHEREAS, the Mission Valley Trolley Line is the result of years of planning, and a consistent effort to create financial opportunities to enhance trolley development; and

WHEREAS, Edward J. Struiksma, a.k.a. "Mr. Transportation" served as Councilmember for the Fifth District from 1981 to 1989 and while so doing represented Mission Valley; and

WHEREAS, Edward J. Struiksma gave the concept of a Mission Valley Trolley Line viability by making it an integral part of the Mission Valley Community Plan; and

WHEREAS, Edward J. Struiksma led negotiations with property owners by twisting, bending and breaking arms as necessary to build the project; and

WHEREAS, Edward J. Struiksma provided the leadership to plan and secure right-of-way for the Mission Valley Trolley, and at-grade construction costs, through the First San Diego River Improvement Project, Northside, River Walk, and Atlas Development Projects; and

WHEREAS, Edward J. Struiksma, serving as The City of San Diego representative to SANDAG from January 19, 1983 through March 1984 and April 19, 1985 through December 1989, spearheaded efforts to secure Proposition A funding for the development of the Mission Valley Trolley Line; and

WHEREAS, Edward J. Struiksma, serving as Director of the Metropolitan Transit Development Board from March 7, 1983 through December 1, 1985, worked tirelessly to forge the development of the Mission Valley Trolley Line; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the citizens of The City of San Diego recognize and applaud the efforts of this dedicated public servant; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of The City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the citizens of San Diego, does hereby recognize Edward J. Struiksma for his visionary leadership and dedication to enhancing the transportation system for the San Diego Region.

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