

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 291347

ADOPTED ON MAR 22 1999

WHEREAS, the ability to read is a cornerstone of academic and financial success in our society; and

WHEREAS, nearly four out of five primary grade students in California read below grade-level according to standardized tests; and

WHEREAS, in 1991 Robert W. Condon founded Rolling Readers USA with a small group of volunteers to read for an hour a week to disadvantaged children; and

WHEREAS, Rolling Readers USA today serves 300,000 children in 56 chapters in 22 states including 60,000 children in San Diego County; and

WHEREAS, Rolling Readers volunteers serve children with read-aloud, tutoring and book giveaway programs across America; and

WHEREAS, Rolling Readers USA is a founding partner in President Clinton's America Reads initiative and Colin Powell's America's Promise Project; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Condon passed away at the age of 40 in January, leaving his Rolling Readers USA legacy to his family, friends and staff to carry on; and

WHEREAS, March 27, 1999 has been proclaimed "Robert W. Condon Day of National Observance" in which adults across America are encouraged to read to Children; NOW,

THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that this Council, for and behalf of the people of San Diego, hereby proclaims March 27, 1999 to be "**ROBERT W. CONDON DAY**" in the City of San Diego and encourages all residents to read to children on this day in Mr. Condon's honor.

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