

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 294456

ADOPTED ON JAN 22 2001

WHEREAS, Helen Burk Herman was born at home in National City, California, on January 16, 1901, just three blocks from the Santa Fe Railroad Station; and

WHEREAS, Helen attended school through the 12th grade, attending B St. Elementary School at 6th and B, and graduating from San Diego High School (then known as Russ High) in 1918; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from high school, Helen worked for Woolworth's department store and later became a bookkeeper for Hardy Meats downtown; and

WHEREAS, at a time when women were discouraged from attending college, Helen proved herself in the workplace and ultimately went on to become a highly respected, knowledgeable and trusted bookkeeper for several companies, working diligently until 1995 when she was forced to retire due to a fall which left her unable to negotiate a work environment; and

WHEREAS, throughout her life Helen has been an avid dancer, and fondly recalls dancing at Hicks on 5th and Elm, and Radcliff's downtown in the early '20s; and

WHEREAS, she met her husband, Ed Herman, at one of the dance halls, and they were married on December 7, 1924; and

WHEREAS, during World War II Ed worked for the Navy Civilian War Department in Washington, D.C., and after the war the Navy moved Ed and Helen to Honolulu, where Ed died in 1949; and

WHEREAS, it was during that time that Helen spent her only years living away from San Diego; and

WHEREAS, Helen served as treasurer for the Women's Auxiliary of the San Diego Historical Society in the 1940s, and has been a member of the Sigma Phi Gamma International Sorority since 1930, serving as an officer on the international, chapter and province levels; and

WHEREAS, Helen is known by her friends and close associates as a joy to be with and

listen to, especially when she relates the many varied and interesting stories of her life's travels and experiences; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, January 13, 2001, a luncheon was held at Tom Hom's restaurant on Shelter Island by the Sigma Phi Gamma International Sorority, Beta Sigma Chapter, to officially honor the occasion of Helen Burk Herman's 100th birthday; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council does hereby recognize the 100TH birthday of Helen Burk Herman, a native San Diegan whose life is filled with the rich history of her hometown.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that January 16, 2001, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "HELEN BURK HERMAN DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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