

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 295734

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WHEREAS, Captain Walter "Wally" Schirra is one of the original seven astronauts, and is widely admired for being the only astronaut to fly on all three of the groundbreaking spacecraft - Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo - and whose exploration and discoveries in space challenged generations of individuals to expand the boundaries of human potential; and

WHEREAS, 2001 marks nearly fifty-three years of contribution to the areas of aviation and space exploration for Captain Schirra; and

WHEREAS, for the past seventeen years, Captain Schirra has been a member of the San Diego Aerospace Museum Board of Directors, and has been instrumental in the museum's development efforts, securing funding for the "Pavilion of Flight," and has been an active advisor on the proper display of space artifacts; and

WHEREAS, Captain Schirra has also been active in the museum's education programs by speaking to groups of children about his experiences in space and as a judge in the annual science fair and model contest; and

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2001, the San Diego Aerospace Museum will host a celebration dedicated to honoring the extraordinary achievements of Captain Schirra in the exploration of space; 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, hereby congratulates Captain Wally Schirra on his inspiring achievements and contributions to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that November 6, 2001 be and is hereby proclaimed to
be "CAPTAIN WALTER 'WALLY' SCHIRRA DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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