

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 296145

ADOPTED ON MAR 13 2002

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Richard Bennett has served on the San Diego Police Department for forty and a half years, the longest career in the Department's history; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Richard Bennett joined the San Diego Police Department as a cadet on October 2, 1961; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Richard Bennett held a variety of assignments in the Department as a cadet, patrol officer, detective, sergeant, and lieutenant, including Patrol, Traffic Motors, Juvenile Investigations, the Watch Commander's Office, the Academy, Safety and Equipment, Reserve Administration, Northeastern Division, Domestic Violence and Child Abuse, Financial Crimes, and his current and last assignment in the JUDGE unit; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Richard Bennett received the Commanding Officer's Citation, the Department's highest commendation, six times in his career for initiating a motorcycle safety course for Naval personnel at Naval Air Station Miramar, for participating on the Bicycle Theft Task Force, for helping develop the Field Training Officer program, for his response to a suicide call, for the development of the Family Protection Unit, and for his exemplary service as the executive lieutenant for the Northeastern Patrol; and

WHEREAS, highlights of Lieutenant Richard Bennett's long career include serving as a instructor at the Police Academy for more than twenty-five years, organizing and supervising the

response of 100 police recruits and staff at the crash scene of the PSA Flight 182 in September 1978, redeveloping the Department's Cadet program, supporting and organizing the San Diego County Boy Scout Fair; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2002, after forty and a half years of service, Lieutenant Richard Bennett will retire from the San Diego Police Department; 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, in honor of Lieutenant Richard Bennett's forty and a half years of service to the San Diego Police Department and citizens of San Diego, does hereby recognize and commend him by declaring March 18, 2002, to be "**RICHARD BENNETT DAY**" in the City of San Diego.

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