

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 296384

ADOPTED ON APR 22 2002

WHEREAS, after 31 years, at the end of the 2002 season, San Diego State University Baseball Coach Jim Dietz will retire after a highly successful career; and

WHEREAS, Coach Dietz has led SDSU Baseball to its 24 winning seasons in the past 26 years and has taken his charges to eight NCAA Regional appearances; and

WHEREAS, Coach Dietz has a winning percentage of .621 with 1,154 career victories, and his average of almost 40 wins per season ranks him in the top 10 among Division I coaches; and

WHEREAS, Coach Dietz has received many honors during his illustrious career, including being named the Athletic Conference Coach of the Year after leading the Aztecs to the league title in 1986, being honored again with the same award in 1994, receiving the Super Star Award which is presented annually by Collegiate Baseball Newspaper for outstanding efforts and achievement in the field of amateur baseball, receiving the 1978 Breitbard Foundation award for contributions through baseball to the San Diego Community, and in 1994, being named one of five Citizens of the Year by the City Club of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, under the guidance of Coach Jim Dietz, SDSU has become a training ground for professional baseball with a total of twenty-seven former Aztecs playing the game professionally; and

WHEREAS, among the Major League standouts tutored by Coach Dietz at SDSU are Mark Grace of the Arizona Diamondbacks and Travis Lee of the Philadelphia Phillies, while past Major League legends include Tony Gwynn of the San Diego Padres, Dave Smith of the Chicago Cubs, Bud Black of the Cleveland Indians, Mark Williamson of the Baltimore Orioles, Al Newman of the Texas Rangers and Bobby Meacham of the New York Yankees; 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, does hereby commend Coach Jim Dietz for a brilliant thirty-one year career in coaching young athletes and hereby proclaims April 28, 2002 to be "**Coach Jim Dietz Day**" in the City of San Diego, in recognition of an SDSU Baseball legacy.

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