

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 297491

ADOPTED ON DEC 09 2002

WHEREAS, Mary Ball is ending her two-year term as President of the San Diego County Taxpayers Association; and

WHEREAS, Mary has devoted herself to the San Diego County Taxpayers Association as a strong and dedicated leader and has consistently met her demanding duties as president with energy, creativity, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, throughout her tenure, Mary led the San Diego County Taxpayers Association through a number of challenges and spent countless hours on critical public policy debates impacting San Diego including the ballpark financing plan, utility under grounding, proposed water and sewer fee increases, deferred maintenance, regional governance, school bond measures, and the impact of the state budget crises on local government; and

WHEREAS, Mary's hard work and creativity has significantly enhanced the prestige and professionalism of the San Diego County Taxpayers Association's Annual Golden Watchdog and Fleece Awards Dinner; and

WHEREAS, Mary served on the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on City Finances who performed an independent evaluation on the City of San Diego's fiscal health and made a number of significant recommendations that continue to be implemented by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Mary leaves the San Diego County Taxpayers Association with a new standard of credibility and effectiveness having successfully addressed a number of internal challenges as well as solidifying relationships with elected officials and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her role as President of the San Diego County Taxpayers Association, Mary also works as the Vice President of Government and Community Relations for Cox Communications, though she considers her most important role to be a wife and mother of two children; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the citizens of San Diego, hereby proclaims December 13, 2002 as "**Mary Ball Day**" in the City of San Diego in recognition of her many outstanding contributions and service to San Diego.

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