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WHEREAS, approximately 290,000 veterans of the United States Armed Forces make their home in the San Diego region; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego region is the largest military complex in the world, housing about one-third of the entire U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, approximately 110,000 active duty military are stationed in the San Diego region; and

WHEREAS, many San Diego citizens, serving in the United States Armed Forces, are currently on assignments related to Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council express gratitude to the family members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Marine Corps personnel serving in harm's way who have borne the burden of sacrifice and separation from their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council express their deep condolences to the families of brave Americans who have lost their lives in Operation Iraqi Freedom; 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, does hereby commend the bravery of, and express gratitude for, the members of the United States Armed Forces serving their country.

APPROVED: CASEY GWINN, City Attorney

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