

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 298426

ADOPTED ON SEP 29 2003

WHEREAS, Ericka Lorenz is a San Diego native and a graduate of Patrick Henry High School, where she was named first team All-American in water polo in 1997, 1998, and 1999, as well as an All-California Interscholastic Federation [CIF] performer, and also excelled in volleyball and softball; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, Ericka Lorenz enrolled in the University of California at Berkeley, where she has earned the honor of being one of the nation's top collegiate water polo players and a member of the United States of America [USA] National Team for water polo, after an outstanding performance at the 1999 Holiday Cup; and

WHEREAS, Ericka Lorenz is considered to be one of the best outside shooters in water polo in the world after her play at the Olympic Qualification Tournament in Palermo, Sicily, and the Thetis Cup in Athens, Greece, in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Ericka Lorenz and the USA National Team traveled to Barcelona, Spain, to compete in the 10th La Fédération Internationale De Natation [FINA] World Championships during July 12-27, 2003; and

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2003, thanks to her four goals, Ericka Lorenz helped lead the USA National Team to defeat two-time defending champion Italy by a score of 8 to 6, which earned the United States women's water polo team its first ever FINA World Championships gold medal; and


WHEREAS, on August 10, 2003, at the Pan American Games in the Dominican Republic, the United States women's water polo team won the gold medal, by a score of 7 to 3 against Canada, which earned them the right to compete at the Summer Olympic Games in Athens, Greece, in 2004, and Ericka Lorenz finished the tournament as the team's leading scorer with 13 goals; and

WHEREAS, Ericka Lorenz has demonstrated her superior athletic skill and dedication to the sport of water polo to the nation and the world, which gives San Diegans all the more reason to be pleased of her accomplishments and to proudly call her one of our own; 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 recognize Ericka Lorenz for her outstanding performance in water polo at the 2003 FINA World Championships and Pan American Games representing San Diego and the United States of America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that September 29, 2003, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "ERICKA LORENZ DAY" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: CASEY GWINN, City Attorney

By 

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