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RESOLUTION NUMBER R-_____

ADOPTED ON NOV 15 2004

WHEREAS, SENATOR DEDE ALPERT is in her second and final term representing the 39th State Senate District after having served three terms in the California State Assembly, during which time she authored numerous pieces of landmark legislation, some of which established new standards nationwide; and

WHEREAS, prior to her election to the California State Legislature, SENATOR DEDE ALPERT served on the Solana Beach School Board for seven years; was a court-appointed special advocate for Voices for Children; and was active with United Cerebral Palsy, PTA, and the Girl Scouts; and

WHEREAS, SENATOR DEDE ALPERT was the first woman in the history of the California legislature to chair the Senate Appropriations Committee; and

WHEREAS, SENATOR DEDE ALPERT is widely recognized as one of the legislature's foremost advocates of public education, and her legislative agenda has also consistently stressed ensuring a prosperous economy for California, as well as advocating health and safety issues for women and children and safeguarding individuals' privacy against identity theft; and

WHEREAS, within the past two years, SENATOR DEDE ALPERT co-authored the State library bond bill and sits on the commission that has resulted in the City of San Diego being awarded money for libraries in Logan Heights and a new downtown library; and she authored a library bond proposal that will be put before the voters in 2006; and

WHEREAS, SENATOR DEDE ALPERT is the senior member of the San Diego delegation and regularly convened the delegation - both Republicans and Democrats - for monthly meetings to discuss issues specific to the San Diego region and strategize how the delegation might work together in a bipartisan manner toward goals of mutual interest; and

WHEREAS, SENATOR DEDE ALPERT was named the California Journal's "Senator of the Year" in 2004 and the Senate's "Top Problem Solver" and "Hardest Working Senator," as well as the senator with the highest integrity in both the 2000 and 2002 surveys commissioned by the same publication; and

WHEREAS, SENATOR DEDE ALPERT has received numerous awards and citations for her efforts, from diverse constituencies such as youth advocacy groups, mental health professionals, and business groups, as well as numerous accolades from those associated with education; was named to the Tourism Hall of Fame in 1997 in recognition of her contributions to the visitor industry; feted with Lifetime Achievement Awards by the California School Boards Associations and the San Diego Domestic Violence Council; and was honored as one of the "Extraordinary Library Advocates of the 20th Century" by the American Library Association; and

WHEREAS, SENATOR DEDE ALPERT will retire from a long and distinguished career in government service when the current legislative term concludes on November 30, 2004;

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 the significant legislative and civic contributions of SENATOR DEDE ALPERT to the citizens of San Diego and California and commends her for her dedication to public service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that November 15, 2004, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "SENATOR DEDE ALPERT DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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