

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 300107

ADOPTED ON FEB 07 2005

WHEREAS, James O. Goldsborough was born in New York City, raised in Los Angeles, and lives today in San Diego; and

WHEREAS, James O. Goldsborough has a degree in economics from UCLA, attended UC Berkeley Law School, and has been a reporter on the San Francisco Examiner, Honolulu Advertiser, and Arizona Republic; and

WHEREAS, James O. Goldsborough has written on foreign affairs for four decades, both from the United States and abroad, where he worked as a foreign correspondent for the New York Herald Tribune, International Herald Tribune, and Newsweek Magazine for 14 years, reporting from more than 40 countries; and

WHEREAS, James O. Goldsborough is a former Edward R. Murrow Fellow at New York's Council on Foreign Relations and senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, where he wrote *Rebel Europe: Living with a Changing Continent* (McMillan, 1982); and

WHEREAS, James O. Goldsborough is author of numerous articles in leading foreign affairs publications, including *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, *Politique Etrangere*, *The New York Times Magazine*, *Fortune*, and *Newsweek*; and has worked as associate editor of the *San Jose Mercury News*; and

WHEREAS, for the past 13 years, James O. Goldsborough worked at The San Diego Union-Tribune, where he served as editorial-page editor and syndicated foreign affairs columnist, and his columns appeared twice a week on the editorial and/or Op-Ed page; and

WHEREAS, according to his peers such as David Shaw of the Los Angeles Times, James O. Goldsborough was a popular, at times controversial, columnist; and liberal readers in particular found his columns attacking President Bush, especially over the war in Iraq, a provocative and comforting antidote to the steadfastly Republican perspective of the paper's editorial page; and

WHEREAS, in December 2004, one of James O. Goldsborough's columns was "killed" by the publisher of The San Diego-Union Tribune, and Goldsborough felt he had no choice but to stand up for freedom of the press and resign in protest; and

WHEREAS, the incident has triggered heated debate in San Diego media circles and amongst the readers of The San Diego Union-Tribune; and

WHEREAS, James O. Goldsborough will be working for Voice of San Diego, an online newspaper that will debut on February 8, 2005, and provide another source of news for our City;
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 the City of San Diego, does hereby honor James O. Goldsborough for his 40-year career in journalism, his ethics, and his dedication to the Fourth Estate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council does commend James for standing up for his beliefs and defending the freedom of the press.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that February 7, 2005, be and is hereby proclaimed to be
"JAMES O. GOLDSBOROUGH DAY" in the City of San Diego,

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