

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 300319

ADOPTED ON APR 18 2005

WHEREAS, Jerry Coleman, the longtime voice of the San Diego Padres, dedicated 32 years of service to the people of San Diego by providing his trademark call "Oh Doctor" and his play-by-play calls while broadcasting for the Padres; and

WHEREAS, Jerry, a former major league all-star infielder with the New York Yankees appeared in six World Series in nine seasons compiling a .263 batting average in 723 career games; and

WHEREAS, in 1949, Jerry was the Associated Press' Rookie of the Year; and

WHEREAS, in 1950, Jerry was the Most Valuable Player of the World Series; and

WHEREAS, Jerry's dedication to baseball was put on hold while he served as a Marine pilot during World War II and the Korean War where he received two Distinguished Flying Crosses, 13 Air Medals, and three Navy citations while flying 120 missions and rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel; and

WHEREAS, Jerry began his broadcasting career in 1960 and became the voice of the Padres in 1972. He was an on-air personality for 41 years; and

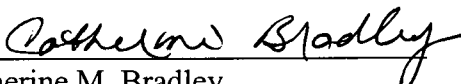
WHEREAS, Jerry was chosen as the 2005 winner of the Ford C. Frick Award, which is presented annually for major contributions to baseball broadcasting and results in the induction of Jerry into the Baseball Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, after 32 years of dedicated service to the people of San Diego, Jerry's name will continue to remain synonymous with baseball in San Diego; 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 vital services that Jerry Coleman has provided the citizens of San Diego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that April 18, 2005, be and is proclaimed to be "JERRY COLEMAN DAY" in the City of San Diego.

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