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WHEREAS, Jim Santangelo, New Jersey native, began driving trucks in his home state following honorable discharge from the Navy in 1959, when he joined his first Teamsters Union Local. Shortly thereafter, he moved to Southern California and began his rapid rise in union affairs and hierarchy beginning and continuing at Teamsters Local 848; and

WHEREAS, Jim Santangelo is widely known throughout Southern California by thousands of rank-and-file Teamsters over the decades because of his face-to-face communication skills, having served the Western Conference of Teamsters in thirteen states as Food and Warehouse Division Director. In that post he expanded working strategies for industry union members to prosper under new collective bargaining agreements; and

WHEREAS, Jim Santangelo for years served as the union's Political Affairs Chairman. His long tenure as director of Joint Council 42's Political Screening Committee prompted a return to pro-worker and pro-labor elected representatives at all levels of public life in Southern California; and

WHEREAS, Jim Santangelo's dedication to Union members and working families, advocating training and education for all propelled him to the leadership of the largest Teamsters Joint Council in 1998, quickly followed by his election as a Western Region Vice President of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters [IBT]. He was re-elected IBT Vice-President in June, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Jim Santangelo, more recently, spearheaded the region's massive donation, mobilization, and transportation of foodstuffs and necessities to the families of San Diego-based United States Marines deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan when it became known that only welfare and food stamps were keeping the families afloat; and

WHEREAS, under Jim Santangelo's leadership, Teamsters Joint Council 42 has been a steadfast sponsor of the South El Monte Youth Boxing program, which has seen its share of success in training future Olympians and motivating youth to outstanding scholarship. The program has already produced one professional world boxing champion, Mariana Juarez. As Joint Council President, Santangelo inaugurated an annual scholarship program, created a computerized phone center for union-to-member communications, began the Teamster Day at the Dodgers, and secured the award-winning Teamsters Joint Council 42 truck and trailer which traverses the country for organizing and charity relief purposes. He has also recently overseen the creation of the Teamsters Training Academy, a comprehensive training and upgrading facility to license commercial drivers; and

WHEREAS, Jim Santangelo's commitment to the community led him to train for the join the city of El Monte Police Department as a reserve officer where he serves as a sergeant; he also is a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department reserve officer; and

WHEREAS, Jim Santangelo and his wife Kathy, share eight children and fourteen grandchildren; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, hereby commends Jim Santangelo for his outstanding achievement of being named "Johns Labor Leader of the Year 2006" and thanks him for his commitment to the community.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that September 19, 2006, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "JIM SANTANGELO DAY" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

By

Catherine M. Bradley Chief Deputy City Attorney

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of <u>SEP 2 6 2006</u>.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND

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Deputy City Clerk

Approved: Godo

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_(date)

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