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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 302356

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE FEB 26 2007

WHEREAS, Reverend Art Cribbs grew up in the Watts-Willowbrook area of South Central Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Art Cribbs preached his first sermon when he was only 13 years old at his father's church; and

WHEREAS, during Reverend Art Cribbs' senior year of high school he received a Congressional appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from high school, Reverend Art Cribbs became involved with a civil rights project sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Art Cribbs dreamed of becoming a career officer in the military; however, after spending the summer working with Quakers, he was converted to pacifism; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Art Cribbs earned his Bachelors of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of California at Berkeley and a Masters of Divinity from the Chicago Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, in 1999 Reverend Art Cribbs moved from Cleveland to San Diego with his wife, Kana, and their four children; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Art Cribbs is the former executive director of the Office of Communication for the United Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Art Cribbs is the pastor of Christian Fellowship Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, in San Diego; President of Pacific Media Ministry; and co-founder of the Concerned African-American Clergy and Laity, which addresses issues of HIV/AIDS in San Diego County's African-American communities; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Art Cribbs is an ethics instructor with the Justice Training Institute, a contractor with the California Department of Justice, and works closely with police executives throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Art Cribbs has been a news reporter, talk show host, news director, public affairs director, bureau chief and national correspondent for Essence Communications, local ABC and CBS television news departments, Independent News Network, Cox, Viacom, and Gannett; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Art Cribbs is a past president of the Ecumenical Council of San Diego County; former chair of the communications committee for the California Council of Churches; member of the United Methodist Reporter and Lumicon boards of directors; trustee of the United Church of Christ Pension Boards; member of the board of directors of the United Church of Christ Office of Communication, Inc.; media consultant for the Episcopal Church's Jubilee Ministries programs; former board member of *Sojourners Magazine*; serves on the San Diego Citizens Equal Opportunity Commission; and is co-convenor of the Coalition For Justice in San Diego County; 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, does hereby commend Reverend Art Cribbs for his passionate commitment to the spiritual growth and general well-being of all the citizens of the City and thank him for the many hours he has volunteered toward community building.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that February 20, 2007, be and is hereby proclaimed to be, "REVEREND ART CRIBBS DAY" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

By Catherine M. Bradley
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 FEB 20 2007.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By [Signature]
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 2.26.07
(date)

[Signature]
JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor