

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 302578

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE MAY 07 2007

WHEREAS, Laura Hillman was the third of five children born to Karoline and Martin Wolff in 1923 in Aurich, Germany; and

WHEREAS, Laura was studying early childhood education, but was forced to drop out of school five years after Adolf Hitler came to power, and chose to go with her parents to what was then called a segregated area for Jews; and

WHEREAS, Laura ultimately lived in eight concentration camps, where she met her husband-to-be, and following a series of events, they were both placed on "Schindler's List;" and

WHEREAS, after the war, Laura and her husband moved to New York for 10 years and then to California, where Laura was finally able to practice her chosen profession as a nursery school teacher for a cooperative nursery affiliated with Long Beach State University; and

WHEREAS, Laura was recently able to write about her experiences in the concentration camps, "I Will Plant You a Lilac Tree", published by Simon and Schuster in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Laura now lives in Los Alamitos, California, and devotes her time between talking in high schools and colleges about her experiences, volunteering at local hospitals with disabled children, and being a docent focusing on children's education at the Long Beach Museum of Art; and

WHEREAS, in honor of Laura Hillman, Francis Parker School and the Hillman family have established the Tolerance and Understanding Endowment, which will provide prominent speakers to come annually around the time of Yom Hoshuah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) and

speak about issues of tolerance and understanding, with Laura being the speaker for this first year; 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 proclaim, April 23, 2007, to be "LAURA HILLMAN DAY" in the City of San Diego, and does hereby commend Laura Hillman for her courage, perseverance, and desire to educate the next generation.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

By Catherine M. Bradley  
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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 MAY 01 2007.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND  
City Clerk

By Mary Zermann  
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 5-7-07  
(date)

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JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

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

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JERRY SANDERS, Mayor