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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 302866

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WHEREAS, Samuel L. Oates, Deputy Chief & Fire Marshal of the San Diego Fire & Rescue Department was born on June 14, 1950 in Minneapolis, Minnesota and is the last son of Lee Henry & Bettie Lee Oates; and

WHEREAS, Samuel L. Oates moved to San Diego in 1956 and joined the City of San Diego as a Laborer in June 1971; and

WHEREAS, Samuel L. Oates joined the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department in July 1973 and spent thirteen years in Fire Operations as a Firefighter for seven years, as Fire Engineer for three years and as Fire Captain for three years; and

WHEREAS, Samuel L. Oates spent twenty-one years in the Fire Prevention Bureau as Fire Prevention Supervisor for two years, Assistant Fire Marshal for fifteen years and presently as Deputy Fire Chief & Fire Marshal since May 2003, responsible for 44 personnel and a \$4 million dollar budget; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Fire & Rescue Department serves the eighth largest city in the United States and the second largest city in California, and is a multi-faceted organization that provides city residents with fire and life saving services including the fire protection, emergency medical services and lifeguard protection at San Diego beaches; and plays an important role in saving the lives of our families and structures within our communities; and

WHEREAS, Sam and his wife of 30 years, Linda, have two grown children and one granddaughter and are looking forward to a leisurely retirement; 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 Deputy Chief & Fire Marshal, Samuel L. Oates for thirty four years of personal sacrifice and dedication to saving lives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2007, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "DEPUTY CHIEF & FIRE MARSHAL SAMUEL L. OATES 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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