

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 302868

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WHEREAS, Bill Middleton was appointed to the San Diego Fire Department in 1977 after spending four years in the US Navy and two years with the Encinitas Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, during his 30 year career with the City, Bill was assigned to several of the busiest companies in San Diego. He served on the Metro Arson Strike Team, was Captain of Fire Communications, was a Fire Academy Training Coordinator, was Director of Material for Support Services, was Battalion Chief for Battalion 1, and was Division Chief of Operations; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, Bill and his crew received an award from the City of Coronado for their outstanding service at the Coronado Ferry Landing Fire; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Bill supervised his own rescue during a serious car accident that he was involved in. Critically injured, he still managed to direct the rescue operation and returned to his job only nine months later; and

WHEREAS, during the most complex fire investigation in the City's history, the IHOP Restaurant fire, Bill supervised a task force of local, state and federal investigators who caught and imprisoned the arsonists in only one year; and

WHEREAS, Bill was the Incident Commander of the Rancho Penasquitos "Sun Devil" fire in 2006, and under his leadership there were no injuries or structures lost; and

WHEREAS, Bill has been instrumental in developing and implementing innovative leadership and fire training classes for firefighters, served as President of the San Diego Firefighters Relief Association, and served on the San Diego Firefighters Local 145; and

WHEREAS, Bill's biggest achievement is his family: his wife of 30 years, Mary Ann, and his two children, Jack, an SDFD Engineer, and David, a US Coast Guard helicopter pilot; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the citizens of San Diego, hereby proclaims July 24, 2007 as "BILL MIDDLETON DAY" in the City of San Diego in recognition of his dedication and commitment to protecting the citizens of San Diego from fire danger.

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 JUL 24 2007.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND  
City Clerk

By [Signature]  
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 8-1-07  
(date)

[Signature]  
JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

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

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JERRY SANDERS, Mayor