

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 302916

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE AUG 03 2007

WHEREAS, in 1983 Phil graduated from San Jose State University with a Bachelors Degree in Journalism; and

WHEREAS, after working at The Las Vegas Review-Journal, he came to work for The San Diego Union-Tribune in 1990 as a federal courts reporter working on several high-profile criminal and civil trials and breaking a story of how abuses of the informant system led to a near-fatal raid on an innocent businessman's home by federal agents, which was picked up and aired by "60 Minutes;" and

WHEREAS, Phil then moved on to work at The San Diego Union-Tribune as the City Hall reporter covering Mayor Susan Golding's administration, the 1996 Republican National Convention and the 1996 mayor's race; and

WHEREAS, in 1997 he became the Union-Tribune's public finance writer covering the controversial Qualcomm Stadium expansion, the politics and financing of the new ballpark for the Padres, broke the story of a conflict of interest between a San Diego City Councilmember and the Padres organization, resulting in that councilmember resigning from office and receiving a criminal conviction; and

WHEREAS, Phil spent his final six years with the Union-Tribune as a politics writer covering mayoral contests, the 2003 gubernatorial recall, legislative campaigns, the city's pension crisis and the resulting SEC investigations and sanctions; and

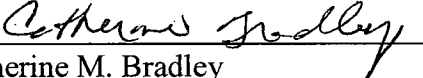
WHEREAS, he has received various awards recognizing his hard work and accomplishments including: the James S. Copley Ring of Truth Award (2005 Best News Story and 2004 Best Enterprise Reporting), Best Politics/Government Series from the Society of Professional Journalists and Best Achievement by a Writer from The San Diego Union Tribune; and

WHEREAS, beginning this past January, Phil has begun work in a new position serving as Senator Dianne Feinstein's press secretary; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City Council of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the citizens of San Diego, commends Phil LaVelle for his outstanding work and professionalism in the field of journalism.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Diego City Council recognizes the accomplishments of Phil LaVelle in keeping the people of San Diego informed about various political issues, and that August 10th, 2007, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "**PHIL LaVELLE 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 JUL 31 2007.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By 
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 8-3-07
(date)


JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor