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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 303888
DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE JUN 26 2008

WHEREAS, Jess Durfee has been active in Democratic Party politics for the past 19 years, the past 11 in San Diego; and

WHEREAS, Jess Durfee had a fifteen-year career as a teacher and administrator, where he served as negotiator and president for his local teachers union and served at the state and national level as a political action leader within his union; and

WHEREAS, while teaching, Jess Durfee served as a political field director for the National Education Association and Washington Education Association and a congressional aide for education and labor issues on Capitol Hill; and

WHEREAS, Jess Durfee's activism began in the 1980s in southwest Washington State, when he and a friend created a group to advocate for LGBT rights in that area; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1990s, Jess Durfee became involved in the Hands Off Washington campaign that galvanized LGBT communities within the state to prevent anti-gay legislation from being added to any upcoming ballots; and

WHEREAS, Jess Durfee moved to San Diego in the mid-1990s and immersed himself in local LGBT activism by joining up with Voices '96, which addressed recognition of lesbian and gay families, legal protection, condemnation of hate crimes, funding for HIV research and support for LGBT youth; and

WHEREAS, since coming to San Diego, Jess Durfee has been a full-time activist; he is currently the Chair of the San Diego County Democratic Party, where he has developed a five-

year strategic plan to include the Grassroots Organizing Program, restructuring of the Central Committee's governance system and bylaws, improvements to the internal and external communications program, redesigning the fundraising program and developing a system for candidate recruitment and support; and

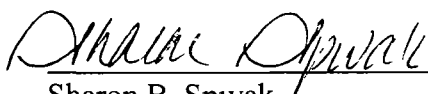
WHEREAS, Jess Durfee held several positions with the San Diego Democratic Club, where he served as president from 2001 through 2004; he has been on the executive board of the San Diego County Democratic Party since 2002; he served two years as Director of Clubs; he has been a member of the California Democratic Party Executive Board since 1999; and

WHEREAS, as president of the San Diego Democratic Club, co-chair of the Human Dignity Ordinance Committee and member of The Center's Public Policy Department's advisory committee, Jess Durfee continues to stay on top of local political issues and advocates for fairness and equality for the LGBT community; 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 commend and thank Jess Durfee for the contribution he has made to the City of San Diego and wishes him a very happy 50th birthday.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that June 8, 2008, be and is hereby proclaimed to be, **"JESS DURFEE DAY"** in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

By 
Sharon B. Spivak
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 JUN 24 2008.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By 
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 6.26.08
(date)


JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor