

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 303923

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE JUL 29 2008

WHEREAS, Lonnie Kitch was the only woman accepted into the 17th San Diego Firefighter academy in 1977 and barely missed the cut; and

WHEREAS, she was accepted into the academy again in 1978 and graduated to become the city's first female firefighter; and

WHEREAS, she has worked a job in every single fire station in the city; and

WHEREAS, by setting a high standard of performance, she paved the way for other women to become important members of San Diego Fire-Rescue Department; and

WHEREAS, there are now 72 female firefighters in the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department; and

WHEREAS, Lonnie's career has spanned 30 years, during which she battled numerous fires, including the disastrous 1985 Normal Heights fire and the 2003 Cedar fire; 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, commends Lonnie Kitch for an outstanding and impressive career in the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Diego City Council recognizes the importance of Lonnie's courageous service, and that July 15, 2008, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "LONNIE KITCH DAY" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

By Sharon B. Spivak
Sharon B. Spivak
Deputy City Attorney

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Or.Dept:Council Frye, Atkins & Peters
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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 15 2008.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By Elizabeth S. Maland
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 7-19-08
(date)

Jerry Sanders
JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor