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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 304253

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WHEREAS, the San Diego Automotive Museum, located in historic and colorful Balboa Park, opened in December 1988 amid much fanfare; and

WHEREAS, the original idea for the San Diego Automotive Museum came from Briggs Cunningham, who was known as "Iron Man" Cunningham for the memorable 3rd place finish in his own car in a 24-hour sports car race; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego unanimously approved the idea of an automotive museum in Balboa Park in 1980 and the next eight years were spent raising \$1 million for the renovation and preparation of the present building to become a museum; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Automotive Museum is housed in the renovated 1935 California Pacific International Exposition building, that has a wonderful history including use as a barracks for Navy Corpsmen training at the Navy Hospital during World War II; and

WHEREAS, currently, the San Diego Automotive Museum's collection includes over 160 museum-owned automobiles and motorcycles in addition to many vehicles on loan from other museums and private collections; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Automotive Museum hosts more than 100,000 visitors each year from all fifty states and many other countries as well as an average of four schools each week; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Automotive Museum participates in outreach to the community through participation in such events as the Lakeside Centennial, Bella Italia, The

Greatest Show on Turf, the Martin Luther King Cultural Fair and the Linda Vista Multi-Cultural Fair; and

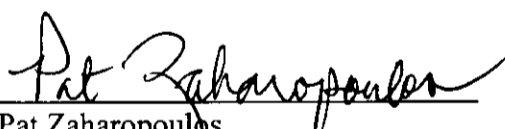
WHEREAS, the San Diego Automotive Museum's Executive Director, Robert Swanson, arrived in 2005 and has expanded the collection, introduced a new series of quarterly special emphasis exhibits and has made steady improvements to the facility; and

WHEREAS, to commemorate their 20th anniversary, the San Diego Automotive Museum is hosting a series of exhibits, including High Art: Automobile Design, Cars and Society, Motocross America: The Early Years and Ferrari – Prancing Horse of Italy; 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 congratulate the San Diego Automotive Museum on twenty years of success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that October 11, 2008, be and is hereby proclaimed to be, "SAN DIEGO AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM DAY" in the City of San Diego.

APPROVED: MICHAEL J. AGUIRRE, City Attorney

By   
Pat Zaharopoulos  
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 OCT 14 2008.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND  
City Clerk

By   
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 10.27.08  
(date)

  
JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

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

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JERRY SANDERS, Mayor