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The recent passing of former Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Captain Rudy de Leon was a great loss to all whose lives he touched. DeLeon first entered the Police Academy in 1947, shortly after completing his service with the Navy during WWII. He went on to enjoy a stellar career at the LAPD highlighted by his distinction of becoming the first Mexican American and Latino to be named Captain of Hollenbeck Division in 1971.

De Leon was instrumental in transforming the Hollenbeck Police Station's large basement into a boxing gym and providing a safe place where kids could learn to box and stay out of trouble. He loved his job and the community and in return, the community loved and supported him.

Long before the term became widely used, Rudy de Leon was, by his own example, a proponent of his own unique style of "community policing." He remains a legend in the Boyle Heights community as well as among his former colleagues in the LAPD. During his 31 year career, De Leon had a tremendous impact in Northeast Los Angeles and influenced countless young people in a positive manner. He also led the way for the creation of the Hollenbeck Youth Center.

Over his many years of service to Eastside communities and the LAPD, De Leon earned the respect of fellow LAPD Officers, citizens and other community leaders as well as statewide recognition. In 1967, he became one of the founders of Latin American Enforcement Association, known as La Ley, which provides scholarships for local students and sponsors study groups to help minority officers move up in the ranks.


I THEREFORE MOVE that, in recognition of Captain Rudy De Leon's 31 years of service to the City and the East Los Angeles community, we appropriately honor his legacy by naming in memoriam the new Hollenbeck Police Station (illustration attached) in recognition of Captain De Leon's unwavering commitment to LAPD, Boyle Heights and the East Los Angeles community.

I FURTHER MOVE that the dedication of the building as the "Rudy de Leon / Hollenbeck Station" be executed in a manner that is consistent with the precedence established in naming and dedicating similar LAPD facilities throughout the City and in keeping with the preservation of the Hollenbeck name, which is of historical importance to the Boyle Heights community.


I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council direct the Bureau of Engineering to design the appropriate exterior signage and that it be compatible with the proposed signage for the interior, including Captain De Leon's image and appropriate biographical verbiage. Funding for this signage should come from Proposition Q or other appropriate source, as identified by the CAO.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council direct the General Services Department to fabricate and install permanent exterior and interior signage and work closely with the appropriate LAPD personnel, Council District 14 and members of the Hollenbeck Community Police Advisory Board to determine the best location to place the signage and best wording to be used.

PRESENTED BY:


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SECONDED BY:



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