RESOLUTION

Brad Pye, Jr.

WHEREAS, Brad Pye, Jr. will be inducted into the California Boxing Hall of Fame on June 26, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Brad Pye, Jr. is best known for his promotion of prep athletes in Southern California and is also credited with introducing some of the programs that have served to give recognition to future superstars in all areas of sports; and

WHEREAS, Pye was an all-star member of the 1949 undefeated East Los Angeles College Football team and was Student Director of Public Relations at the college. His extensive work in radio, television and the print media has allowed him to travel all over the world and is considered to be the “Dean of Black Sportscasters” by the National Newspapers Publishers Association, which presented him with various awards of excellence for his sports reporting; and

WHEREAS, as a former longtime member of the California State Athletic Commission, the Los Angeles Coliseum Commission and the Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Commission, Pye is well known for his participation in uplifting programs for young people, including the annual Basketball Victory stop cagers, Challengers Boys and Girls Club, Woodcraft Rangers, the NAACP, and he is a familiar sight at public school Career Days and motivation events designed to encourage youngsters to excel in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, as Assistant Chief Deputy for Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, Brad Pye, Jr. was a familiar face at most of the major community functions in Los Angeles as the venerable Los Angeles County politician completed an unprecedented tenth term on the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, Eunice and Brad Pye, Jr. are the parents of four children, three daughters and one son. Their oldest daughter Jan Maria Pye was elected by overwhelming majority as the first Black woman to serve on the Desert Hot Springs City Council. Their other three children are: twins, Jenice Pye-Conkrite and Brad Pye, III; and Jill Pye:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this resolution the Los Angeles City Council does hereby congratulates BRAD PYE, JR. on the occasion of being inducted into the California Boxing Hall of Fame; and extend best wishes for his continued success.

Adopted: June 15, 2010

Resolution by: Janice Hahn

Seconded by: All Councilmembers
WHEREAS, he has earned an impressive array of degrees from acclaimed institutions including a Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Biology, as well as a Master of Arts degree in Biology from California State University, Long Beach (CSULB), a Ph.D. in Zoology from the University of New Brunswick, Canada and a P.D.F. in Zoology from the University of Guelph, Ontario Canada; and

WHEREAS, Ralph began his career with the Port of Los Angeles in 1988 as a Marine Environmental Assistant II in the Environmental Management Division and progressed to Assistant Director in 1990 and then to Director of the division in 2002 where he remained until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Ralph was instrumental in guiding the Port of Los Angeles in groundbreaking environmental initiatives such as the Water Resources Action Plan in 2009, the San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan in 2006, and oversaw thousand-pages long environmental impact documents for projects such as the San Pedro and Wilmington Waterfront Projects, TraPac Container Terminal Project and the China Shipping Container Terminal Project; and

WHEREAS, his guidance, input and oversight was key in many of the Port’s forward-thinking programs such as the Clean Truck Program, the Community Aesthetic Mitigation Program, and Air Quality Mitigation; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure Ralph received two commendations from the Port Executive Director: one for his work securing a unanimous approval of the Phase 1, 2020 Expansion Plan for the Port of Los Angeles and the other for his management oversight and extensive efforts on the $57 million Batiquitos Lagoon Restoration Project where he was also lauded for his ability to strike a successful cooperation with federal, state and local authorities; and

WHEREAS, Ralph has always been a friend of the wildlife both here at the Port of Los Angeles with his involvement in the creation and maintenance of the 15-acre California Least Tern nesting site and at the Batiquitos Lagoon site in San Diego County which was brought back to life and able to support a variety of birds, fish and animals thanks to his involvement; and

WHEREAS, he shares his expertise and extensive port knowledge by serving on leading committees for the International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH), American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA), Harbor Association of Industry and Commerce, Southern California Academy of Sciences, San Pedro Bay Port Technologies Development Center Corporation, just to name a few, as well as educating the up-and-coming scientists of the future in teaching roles at his alma mater CSULB; and

WHEREAS, Ralph has consistently been hailed by his supervisors for his integrity, credibility, willingness to work long hours, and his leadership ability in mentoring and developing staff, not to mention reputation with staff for his quick wit and doodling skills while in meetings; and

WHEREAS, he has dedicated countless hours to community service including sitting on the boards of the ITEP Global Environmental Science Academy at Banning High School and the San Pedro Youth coalition, and as a life-long soccer player Ralph has also volunteered countless hours to the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) as a commissioner, coach, referee and committee member as well as being very supportive of in the creation of the Field of Dreams sports complex in San Pedro:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this resolution the Los Angeles City Council does hereby extend its sincere appreciation and gratitude to RALPH G. APPY, Ph.D. on the occasion of his retirement after 22 years of outstanding service to the City and Port of Los Angeles. It is with mixed emotions that we extend to him and his family best wishes for health and happiness in the years to come.

Adopted: June 15, 2010

Presented by:

Janice Hahn

Seconded by:

All Councilmembers