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RESOLUTION

YU-NA KIM DAY

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WHEREAS, Yu-Na Kim is the reigning women's world figure skating champion and 2010 Winter Olympics Gold Medalist, and has become a tremendous source of pride in the Korean American community; and

WHEREAS, Yu-Na Kim was born on September 5, 1990 in Bucheon, Gyeonggi-do, South Korea, and began skating at the age of 7; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, at the age of 12, she became the youngest woman to ever win the senior title at the South Korean Figure Skating Championship, and made her senior international debut at the 2006 Skate Canada competition where she won a bronze medal, and later won the gold medal at the 2006/2007 Grand Prix Final in St. Petersburg, Russia; and

WHEREAS, she was selected to compete at the 2007 World Figure Skating Championships in Tokyo, Japan, where she won the short program establishing a world record with the highest short program score ever recorded by the International Skating Union Judging System, later establishing a new world record in the long program; and despite a back injury she won a bronze medal at the 2008 World Championships in Sweden; and

WHEREAS, at the 2009 World Championships in the United States she won the gold medal by setting another new world record in the short programs and overall score, a triumph she followed-up by her third Grand Prix Final title in Japan during the 2009/2010 season; and

WHEREAS, Yu-Na Kim captured the attention of the world through her extraordinary performance at the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver, British Columbia, where she won the gold medal by setting a new world record for the short program and free skate, becoming the first South Korean skater to win a medal in figure skating, representing South Korea's first medal at the Winter Olympics in a sport other than speed skating and short track and confirming her status as the finest women's figure skater in the world;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of Los Angeles offers congratulations and best wishes to Yu-Na Kim on her exceptional record of achievement, and hereby declares Saturday, August 7, 2010, to be "YU-NA KIM DAY" in the City of Los Angeles.

PRESENTED BY Herb J. Wesson
HERB J. WESSON, JR.
Councilmember, 10th District

SECONDED BY Don LaBarge

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