

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

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RESOLUTION

RAY BRADBURY WEEK

August 22 – 28, 2010

WHEREAS; Ray Bradbury is America's preeminent teller of tales, the author of such classics as The Martian Chronicles, Fahrenheit 451, The Illustrated Man, Something Wicked This Way Comes, and Dandelion Wine; and

WHEREAS; Ray Bradbury had his first short story published in 1940 at the age of 20 and will publish his new collection of short stories, tentatively titled Juggernaut, at the age of 90; and

WHEREAS; Ray Bradbury is internationally known and loved as a novelist, short story writer, essayist, playwright, screenwriter and poet; and

WHEREAS; Ray Bradbury led the way in melding the virtues of popular fiction and literary fiction, which has inspired some of today's leading authors; and

WHEREAS; Ray Bradbury has been one of the world's leading champions of libraries and literacy and this fall will be honored with the Champion of Literacy Award from the Walt Whitman Birthplace Association; and

WHEREAS; Ray Bradbury has been recognized as a literary treasure with such awards as a Pulitzer Prize Special Citation for his distinguished, prolific and deeply influential career, the French Commandeur Ordre des Art et des Lettres, the National Book Foundation Medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters, the National Medal of Arts, and a Star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame; and

WHEREAS; Ray Bradbury's life and work have moved, thrilled, and inspired countless individuals, many of whom have declared that reading his books or hearing him speak changed their lives, and

WHEREAS; Ray Bradbury has been a generous and loving friend, mentor and encourager of generations of writers and artists enjoining them to "Love what you do and do what you love!"; and

WHEREAS; Ray Bradbury has been a resident of Los Angeles since 1934 and an unwavering lover and supporter of his adopted city and who once wrote, "Los Angeles is everything you want to be;" and

WHEREAS; a number of Angelenos and institutions have come together to stage events in honor of Ray Bradbury's 90th birthday on August 22nd, including the Writers Guild of America, west, The Playboy Foundation, the Los Angeles Public Library's Central Library, the Paley Center for Media, the Planetary Society, and artists from film animation who have created special works of art in his honor,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council hereby declares August 22 through August 28, 2010 Ray Bradbury Week in Los Angeles, and do hereby encourage the residents of the city to celebrate this literary master's life and work.

August 20, 2010

PRESENTED BY: E. Garcetti
COUNCILMEMBER ERIC GARCETTI

SECONDED BY: [Signature]
FULL COUNCIL

MAYOR

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