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The late Bob and Dolores Hope were the closest thing that the San Fernando Valley had to royalty. They were known and loved around the world, however the Toluca Lake neighborhood of San Fernando Valley was their home.

Bob and Dolores Hope were real philanthropists at heart. Their charitable giving played key roles at St. Joseph Medical Center in Burbank as well as the Eisenhower Medical Center in Rancho Mirage. Together, they became driving forces behind the creation and long term growth of these medical facilities as well as others around the United States.

In the 1940's, Bob Hope was entertaining the US Armed Forces overseas as well as his numerous USO shows entertaining American military personnel and Dolores Hope was right by his side performing as well. In fact in the 1990's, when Bob went to Saudi Arabia to entertain American troops, Dolores Hope was the only woman allowed to sing "White Christmas" to the troops on Christmas Eve.

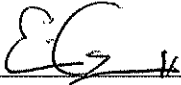
One American generation grew up with Bob Hope and his pal and friendly rival Bing Crosby in the *On the Road* movies. Another knew him from countless television specials and celebrity golf tournaments on NBC, or as a pitchman for Texaco gasoline and Pepsodent toothpaste.

Dolores Hope spent most of her life giving to others: her husband, Bob Hope, her children Linda, Tony, Kelly and Nora; her four grandchildren; and numerous charitable causes. In 1993 at the age of 84, she took some time to do something for herself and for her fans - she recorded her first album "Now and Then." Other albums followed, "Somewhere In Time," songs of World War II, "Hopes for the Holidays" with Bob, "That's Love" and "Young at Heart" dedicated to her husband, Bob.

In recognition of Bob and Dolores Hopes' lifetime achievements in the entertainment industry as well as their philanthropic contributions, it is appropriate that the City honor their memory by naming the intersection at Lankershim Boulevard and Moorpark Street as "The Bob and Dolores Hope" Memorial Square.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the intersection at Lankershim Boulevard and Moorpark Street as "The Bob and Dolores Hope" Memorial Square and that the Department of Transportation be directed to erect permanent ceremonial sign(s) to this effect at this location.

SUBMITTED BY:   
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