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RESOLUTION

Carmelita Jeter

WHEREAS, Carmelita Jeter participated in 2012 Olympic Games in London as a member of Team USA; and

WHEREAS, Carmelita Jeter won THREE medals in London, including a **BRONZE MEDAL** in the women's 200 meter race, a **SILVER MEDAL** in the women's 100 meter race, and a **GOLD MEDAL** as a member of the women's 4x100 relay team for which she ran the final leg and set a world record with a team time of 40.82 seconds, beating the twenty-seven year-old previous world record of 41.37 by over half a second; and

WHEREAS, Carmelita Jeter was born on November 24, 1972, in Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, Carmelita attended Bishop Montgomery High School, where she played basketball and only began sprinting after it was suggested to her by her basketball coach; and

WHEREAS, Jeter is the most decorated track & field athlete in the history of Cal State Dominguez Hills, where she graduated with a degree in Physical Education in 2004. A 6-time NCAA Division II All-American sprinter, she was a 3-time 100 meter runner-up at the NCAA Division-II National Championships. With 100m/200m PR's of 11.43 and 23.46, in 2004 she was the first ever U.S. Olympic Trials qualifier from Cal State Dominguez Hills, where she placed 12<sup>th</sup> in the 100 meters; and

WHEREAS, After overcoming hamstring injuries that dogged her from 2003-2005, Carmelita set a person record in the 100m (11.05) at the 2007 Adidas Track Classic and then went on to qualify for her first World Outdoor Championship roster for Team USA with her Third-Place finish at the 2007 AT&T USA Outdoor Championships ; and

WHEREAS, At the 2009 World Championship, Jeter posted a lifetime best of 10.83 in winning the semi-final before finishing third in the final in 10.90 seconds to bring home her second bronze medal; and

WHEREAS, Jeter posted the fastest women's 100m time in 12 years with her victory at the IAAF/VTB Bank World Athletics Final in Thessaloniki, Greece, on September 13. Jeter stormed out of the blocks and was never challenged before crossing the finish line first in 10.67 seconds, the third fastest time in history. Just seven days later, Jeter became the second-fastest woman in history over 100m, winning her race in an astounding 10.64 ; and

WHEREAS, Carmelita Jeter is now an Olympic Gold Medalist, Olympic Silver Medalist, Olympic Bronze Medalist, two-time World Outdoor Bronze Medalist, 2010 World Indoor Bronze Medalist, 2010 USA Indoor Champion, 2011 and 2009 USA Outdoor Champion, 3<sup>rd</sup> in 100m, at 2007 USA Outdoors; 2007 USA Indoor runner-up, 2-time NCAA Div. II 100m runner-up, 3<sup>rd</sup> in 200m:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution the City Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby congratulates Carmelita Jeter on her outstanding performance at the 2012 Olympic Games in London and wishes her the best in her future endeavors.

September 14, 2012

PRESENTED BY: E. G. G.  
COUNCILMEMBER ERIC GARCETTI

SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNCILMEMBER TOM LABONGE

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RESOLUTION

Keshia Baker

WHEREAS, Keshia Baker participated in 2012 Olympic Games in London as a member of Team USA; and

WHEREAS, Keshia Baker won a gold medal in London as a member of the women's 4x400 relay team, running the opening leg of the semifinal heat; and

WHEREAS, Keshia Baker was born on January 13, 1988, in Fairfield, California; and

WHEREAS, Baker attended Fairfield High School where she was a member of both the women's track and field and the women's basketball teams. Baker was a five time state track medalist and a Solano County Athletic Conference MVP for basketball, and was also named the Daily Republic's Girl Athlete of the season for her senior year; and

WHEREAS, Baker chose to attend the University of Oregon where she was a six-time All-American, six-time Oregon school record holder, member of the Duck's 2010 NCAA Outdoor and Indoor 4x400 m championship teams, and runner-up at the NCAA indoors in 2010. While at Oregon University, Keshia majored in psychology, was a member of the honor roll, and started a non-profit organization called *Save our Student-Athletes*, which is dedicated to supplying after school K-12 programs for budget-stricken youth ; and

WHEREAS, Keshia traveled to Daegu, South Korea for the 2011 World Championships where she won a gold medal as a member of the US. 4x400m relay team; and

WHEREAS, Keshia Baker currently lives and trains in Los Angeles, while commuting to San Diego State University where she is entering her second year in the school's public health and social work program in the College of Human and Health Services:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution the City Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby congratulates Keshia Baker on her outstanding performance at the 2012 Olympic Games in London and wishes her the best in her future endeavors.

September 14, 2012

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RESOLUTION

Dawn Harper

WHEREAS, Dawn Harper participated in 2012 Olympic Games in London as a member of Team USA; and

WHEREAS, Dawn Harper earned a *SILVER MEDAL* in the women's 100m hurdles race; and

WHEREAS, Dawn Harper was born on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 1984, in East St. Louis, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Harper attended East St. Louis High School where she won three state titles in the 100m hurdles and three state titles in the 300m hurdles; and

WHEREAS, Harper attended the University of California, Los Angeles on a full athletic scholarship where she majored in psychology and eagerly trained in the 100m hurdles. In 2003, she was both the US Junior National Champion and the Pan-American Games Champion in the 100m hurdles. She received All-American honors twice at the 2004 NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championship after coming in eighth in the 100m hurdles and taking second in the 4x100m relay. In 2006, she was appointed UCLA team captain, and by her graduation, she had earned the distinction of seven-time All-American; and

WHEREAS, In July of 2008, Harper made the US Olympic Team in the 100m hurdles. Despite being an underdog at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, Harper earned the Gold Medal in the 100m hurdles race; and

WHEREAS, after rehabilitation from her second knee surgery, Harper returned to hurdling in April of 2011. On just four months of training and racing, she managed to win a Bronze Medal at the World Championship in Daegu in a personal best of 12.47; and

WHEREAS, Dawn Harper continues to train in Los Angeles:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution the City Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby congratulates Dawn Harper on her outstanding performance at the 2012 Olympic Games in London and wishes her the best in her future endeavors.

September 14, 2012

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COUNCILMEMBER ERIC GARCETTI

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RESOLUTION

Lashinda Demus

WHEREAS, Lashinda Demus participated in the 2012 Olympic Games in London as a member of Team USA; and

WHEREAS, Lashinda Demus won a *SILVER MEDAL* in London in the 400 meter hurdles race; and

WHEREAS, Lashinda was born on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 1983, in Inglewood; and

WHEREAS, Demus attended Long Beach Wilson High School where she ran and still holds the high school record for the 300 hurdles with a time of 39.98 seconds, the only girl to break the 40 second barrier. She also ran on the 4x400 relay team that set the national record in 1998, ran the second fastest time in history in 1999, and then broke its own national record in 2001. She also competed in the 100 meter hurdles, winning the CIF California State Meet in 2001, and was a member of the 2001 Champion 4x100 Relay Team. In 1999 and again in 2001, she was name National Girl's "High School Athlete of the Year" by Track and Field News; and

WHEREAS, Lashinda Demus went on to attend the University of South Carolina to work under Curtis Frye. While at South Carolina, Demus won the World Junior Championship in 2002, the NCAA Indoor Championship at 400 meters in 2004, and a Silver Medal in the 2005 World Championships. Demus was also a member of the school's first NCAA team national championship when the women's track and field team won the 2002 NCAA Outdoor National Championship ; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, Lashinda turned professional after competing in the Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece, which was followed by the first of two national titles in the 400 meter hurdles in 2005 ; and

WHEREAS, Lashinda gave birth to twin boys in June of 2007 and astonishingly was back in training just weeks later collectively regaining her health and strength to recapture her #1 status; and

WHEREAS, Lashinda ran for world leading times in four out of seven races during the 2009 season in Europe, setting world best times in Monaco, London, and Crete, Greece. Lashinda posted the then fourth-fastest time ever with a person best of 52.63 seconds. A month later, Lashinda ran a time of 52.96 to earn the Silver Medal in the 2009 World Championships in Berlin, where she also secured a Gold in the 1600 meter relay ; and

WHEREAS, Lashinda secured the women's 400m hurdles world title and the American record during the 2011 World championships in Daegu, Korea. Lashinda ran the fastest 400 meter hurdle time of that year, setting a new world best with 52.47. Lashinda's time was the third fastest ever, and broke the 16 year old American record; and

WHEREAS, Lashinda Demus, now more determined then ever, is preparing for the 2016 Olympics:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution the City Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby congratulates Lashinda Demus on her outstanding performance at the 2012 Olympic Games in London and wishes her the best in her future endeavors.

September 14, 2012

PRESENTED BY: Eric Garcetti  
COUNCILMEMBER ERIC GARCETTI

SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
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RESOLUTION

Duane Solomon

WHEREAS, Duane Solomon participated in 2012 Olympic Games in London as a member of Team USA; and

WHEREAS, Duane Solomon placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the Men's 800m final with a time of 1:42.82, a personal best; and

WHEREAS, Duane Solomon was born on December 28<sup>th</sup>, 1984, in Lompoc, California; and

WHEREAS, Solomon attended Mount Cabrillo High School where he was the 800m State Champ in 2003 with a time of 1:49:79, also earning the honor of being named California's "Gatorade Athlete of the Year"; and

WHEREAS, Solomon studied Sociology at the University of Southern California where he was a 5-time All-American in the 800m. In 2006, he was the 800m Pac-10 Champion and was also a member of the 4x400 Relay Team. In 2007 he made his first World Team, representing the World-Champion USA in Osaka, Japan. In 2008, he continued his success with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the NCAA finals and a 6<sup>th</sup> place finish in the Olympic trials; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, Solomon finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in both the US Indoor and US Outdoor Championships and made the Semifinals of the World Indoor Championships. In 2011 and 2012, he won back to back US Indoor Championship titles; and

WHEREAS, Duane Solomon continues to train in his native Southern California:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution the City Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby congratulates Duane Solomon on his outstanding performance at the 2012 Olympic Games in London and wishes him the best in his future endeavors.

September 14, 2012

PRESENTED BY: Eric Garcetti  
COUNCILMEMBER ERIC GARCETTI

SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, "El Charro de Mexico" (The Mexican Cowboy), was born Pascual Antonio Aguilar Barraza on May 17, 1919 in the City of Villanueva, Zacatecas, Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Antonio Aguilar was a pioneer for Mexican musical art's fusing the art of charreada (rodeo) with traditional and non-traditional forms of Mexican vocal music; and

WHEREAS, Antonio Aguilar was an esteemed actor, producer, singer and writer who made 167 movies, and recorded over 150 albums, which sold more than 25 million copies; and

WHEREAS, Antonio Aguilar's distinguished acting career in Mexican film led him to Hollywood where he worked with stars like John Wayne and Rock Hudson; and

WHEREAS, as a musician, he toured all over the world with his wife, actress-singer Flor Silvestre, and their sons, Antonio Jr. and Pepe; and

WHEREAS, he entertained millions with his unique and spectacular musical performances and equestrian shows that featured cowboys and dancing horses; and

WHEREAS, he performed at concert venues across the United States and has the distinction of being the only Latino artist to sell out New York City's Madison Square Garden for six consecutive nights; and

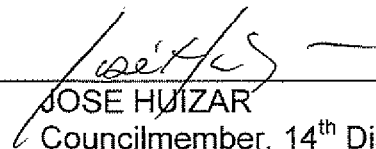
WHEREAS, he is one of the first Mexican performers honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame; and


WHEREAS, Antonio's rise to stardom and international fame from his humble beginnings in Zacatecas, Mexico epitomizes the American Dream; and

WHEREAS, early in his career, with no money and little food, he traveled to Los Angeles and spent three nights sleeping on benches in Placita Olvera, the birthplace of Los Angeles, and a popular destination for many immigrants seeking a better life; and

WHEREAS, his success has opened doors for many giant entertainers, and his life story continues to inspire generations to work hard and dream big; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED be it resolved by the City of Los Angeles, that we recognize the phenomenal achievements of this great man by declaring September 16, 2012 as Don Antonio Aguilar Day.

PRESENTED BY:   
JOSE HUIZAR  
Councilmember, 14<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY: 

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