

R E S O L U T I O N



**ROBERT SIDANSKY, M.A.**

WHEREAS, Robert Sidansky is a Student Personnel Specialist at the National Center On Deafness located on California State University, Northridge campus; and

WHEREAS, Robert has worked at CSUN since 1980, as a student counselor, academic advisor, and an advocate for deaf and hard of hearing students. He has served as an advisor for the Deaf CSUNians, a student body government organization, nurturing and empowering future leaders and citizens; and

WHEREAS, Robert is intensively involved with the community as: a chairperson of the California Families of Deaf Children conference; a member of the California Department of Education task force on education of deaf students; a board member of the Greater Los Angeles Community Service for Deaf People; serving as a regular volunteer at the annual Deaf Festival in Los Angeles, among many others; and

WHEREAS, Robert Sidansky received an M.A. degree in Counseling and Guidance from California State University, Northridge and a B.S.W. in Social Work from Rochester Institute of Technology, located in Rochester, New York; and

WHEREAS, his personnel experience & accomplishments include: overseeing interpreting, captioning, note taking, counseling, student development, orientation, and tutoring services for 230 deaf and hard of hearing students annually; having successfully engaged academic, personal, and career counseling with deaf and hard of hearing students; facilitated numerous leadership workshops and student development workshops for deaf and hard of hearing students; made several presentations on deaf and hard of hearing education to parents and educators for K-12 and postsecondary programs about transition programs; and

WHEREAS, Robert's civic engagement includes serving on various boards and volunteer activities that serve or work towards improving the quality of life for deaf and hard of hearing children and adults among them are: serving as member and Vice President of IMPACT; Chairperson of IMPACT's 4th Annual Conference; member of Deafness Task Force for the California Department of Education; volunteered as a Deaf Academic Bowl coach for Rio Mesa High School, Oxnard, California; member of Tri County GLAD Advisory Board; as member of GLAD Board since 2008; has served as a President of Tri County GLAD Advisory Board since 2010; volunteered as a Deaf Academic Bowl coach for Taft High School, Woodland Hills, California 2011-12; and

WHEREAS, Robert and his wife, Denise have three deaf children. Denise, is also teacher of the deaf and is an active parent in the field of deaf and hard of hearing; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this resolution the Los Angeles City Council does hereby commend ROBERT SIDANSKI for his efforts and accomplishments and as the 12th Council District Honoree for Deaf Awareness Month.

Adopted: September 21, 2012  
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PRESENTED BY:

  
MITCHELL ENGLANDER

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SEP 25 2012

**LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL**

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## CITY OF LOS ANGELES



## RESOLUTION

## MARK HARMON

WHEREAS, Mark Harmon has received a star on the World Famous Hollywood Walk of Fame on Monday, October 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS, during the course of an enviable career, Mark Harmon's acting talent has earned him multiple Emmy and Golden Globe nominations. But it is his portrayal of Special Agent Leroy Jethro Gibbs on *NCIS* for which he is most recognized. The CBS drama continues to rank in the #1 spot among scripted shows. It's no surprise that Harmon and the series were nominated for the People's Choice Award. Going into the 9<sup>th</sup> season of the show, Harmon was elevated to Executive Producer and scored an overall deal for his company Wings Productions with CBS Studios; and

WHEREAS, while on hiatus from *NCIS* he developed, executive produced and starred in "*Certain Prey*," an original movie for USA Network. Based on the series of *Prey* books written by John Sandford, Harmon portrayed Minneapolis Deputy Police Chief Lucas Davenport; and

WHEREAS, in other television work, he was nominated for an Emmy for Outstanding Guest Actor in a Drama Series for NBC's much-lauded "*The West Wing*." Previously he earned an Emmy nomination for Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Drama Special for "*Eleanor and Franklin: The White House Years*." He received two consecutive Golden Globe nominations for his work on "*Reasonable Doubts*," and received two additional Golden Globe nominations for Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture Made for TV; one for "*After the Promise*," and another for his role as notorious serial killer Ted Bundy in "*The Deliberate Stranger*." Along with his costars on "*Chicago Hope*," he received two Best Ensemble SAG Award nominations. While on the hit show, Harmon also directed several episodes of the program; and

WHEREAS, other notable television performances include portraying astronaut Wally Schirra in HBO's "*From Earth to the Moon*" produced by Tom Hanks, "*St. Elsewhere*," "*Moonlighting*," and Tennessee Williams' "*Sweet Bird of Youth*" ; and

WHEREAS, on the big screen, Harmon played the co-host of a local morning news show in the indie film "*Weather Girl*," the President of the United States in Warner Brothers' film "*Chasing Liberty*" with Mandy Moore and opposite Jamie Lee Curtis in the Disney hit remake of "*Freaky Friday*." He made his feature film debut in Alan Pakula's "*Comes a Horseman*." Additional credits include Lawrence Kasdan's "*Wyatt Earp*," "*Stealing Home*," with Jodie Foster, "*The Presidio*," and Carl Reiner's smash hit, "*Summer School*." Harmon also made memorable cameo appearances in "*Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas*," "*Natural Born Killers*," and "*The Last Supper*." He lent his voice to the character of *Superman* in Warner Home Video's release "*Justice League: Crisis on Two Earths*" as well; and

WHEREAS, on stage, Harmon has appeared in Kevin Wade's "*Key Exchange*," Bill C. Davis' "*Wrestlers*," and Mark Medoff's "*The Wager*." In addition, he has done several successful productions of A.R. Gurney's hit play "*Love Letters*" with his wife, actress Pam Dawber; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Southern California, Harmon excelled in sports. He quarterbacked UCLA to multiple winning football seasons and was awarded the National Collegiate Football Foundation Award for All Around Excellence. He is a Cum Laude graduate, with a degree in Communications. His father, Tom Harmon, was a Heisman Trophy winner and nationally acclaimed broadcaster, and his mother is former actress Elyse Knox;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution the Los Angeles City Council hereby congratulates Mark Harmon on this well deserved honor of receiving his star on the World Famous Hollywood Walk of Fame.

September 25, 2012

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LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

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COUNCILMEMBER ERIC GARCETTI

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COUNCILMEMBER TOM LABONGE

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MAYOR

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## RESOLUTION

## GALE ANNE HURD

WHEREAS, Gale Anne Hurd has received a star on the World Famous Hollywood Walk of Fame on Wednesday, October 3, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Gale Anne Hurd is one of the industry's most respected and innovative film and television producers. Over the course of her career, Hurd has developed and produced films that routinely garner Academy Award(r) nominations, and TV programs that win Emmys(r) and shatter ratings records. By continually selecting daring material, championing technological innovations, and remaining hands-on in her approach, Hurd has carved out a leading position in the previously male-dominated world of the blockbuster, and become a recognized creator of iconic cultural touchstones; and

WHEREAS, after a successful rise from Roger Corman's executive assistant to head of marketing, Hurd's production career launched when she produced *The Terminator*. This success was quickly followed with *Aliens*, which received seven nominations and two Academy Awards(r), and the Oscar(r)-winning films *The Abyss* and *Terminator 2: Judgment Day*; and

WHEREAS, at the helm of her production entity, Valhalla Entertainment, Hurd continually develops and produces a broad range of projects, including AMC's hit drama, *The Walking Dead*, which she developed and executive produced with filmmaker Frank Darabont; and

WHEREAS, other Valhalla Entertainment productions include Marvel's smash hit *The Incredible Hulk*, starring Edward Norton, the futuristic sci-fi thriller *Aeon Flux* starring Academy Award(r) winner Charlize Theron; *The Punisher* and *The Punisher: War Zone* based on the classic Marvel comic; *The Hulk*, directed by Academy Award(r) winner Ang Lee; the Academy Award(r) nominated *Armageddon*; *Dante's Peak*; *The Relic*; the political comedy *Dick*; and the Academy Award(r) winning film *The Ghost And The Darkness*, amongst many others; and

WHEREAS, Hurd produced the critically acclaimed and award-winning films *Tremors*, *Alien Nation*, which was adapted into an acclaimed Fox TV series; *Safe Passage* starring the Academy Award(r) winner Susan Sarandon; and the Spirit and Sundance Audience Award winning indie, *The Waterdance*. She also served as executive producer of *Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines*; and

WHEREAS, her producer credits include a number of distinguished TV movies, including HBO's Emmy nominated *Sugartime*, the Emmy winning *Cast a Deadly Spell*, *The Wronged Man* starring Emmy winner Julia Ormond, *Witch Hunt* directed by Paul Schrader and the documentaries *True Whispers: The Story of the Navajo Code Talkers* and *Choctaw Code Talkers*; and

WHEREAS, Hurd serves on the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences' Board of Governors and as an officer of the Producers Guild of America. She chairs the Nicholl Screenwriting Fellowship Committee and the Executive committee of the Producers Branch at the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and is a member of the Film Festival Grants Committee. An avid scuba diver, Hurd serves on the Advisory Boards of Heal the Bay and Reef Check. Hurd also serves on the Advisory Board for Artists and for Peace and Justice. She was honored by Global Green USA with the Entertainment Industry Environmental Leadership Award, the Telluride Tech Festival Award of Technology, the Crystal Award from Women in Film, the New York Women in Film & Television's Loreen Arbus Awards, the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television/Producers Guild of America's Vision Award and the PGA's Charles Fitzsimons Award for her service to the Guild. An avowed foodie, Hurd owns the popular Los Angeles area restaurant, Vertical Wine Bistro:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution the Los Angeles City Council hereby congratulates Gale Anne Hurd on this well deserved honor of receiving her star on the World Famous Hollywood Walk of Fame.

September 25, 2012


PRESENTED BY:

  
COUNCILMEMBER ERIC GARCETTI

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## RESOLUTION

## DAFFY DUCK

WHEREAS, Daffy Duck has received a star on the World Famous Hollywood Walk of Fame on Tuesday, October 16, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a cartoon legend who has been famous for almost 75 years, Daffy Duck is talkative, hyperactive, unpredictable, self-serving, peevish, insecure, jealous and easy to frustrate - hardly the stuff of a traditional television or big screen hero. Yet generations of moviegoers and TV viewers have loved Daffy's untethered personality and have thrilled to his hilarious knack for rising above the insults dished out by an unfair universe; and

WHEREAS, now an all-new generation of kids is getting fresh access to Daffy's antics via **The Looney Tunes Show**, an animated sitcom airing on Cartoon Network. Daffy Duck's lisping, spittle-spraying performances in the hands of nearly all of the legendary Warner Bros. Animation directors gave him a personality that has grown in complexity (and hilarity) with each appearance. He was also fortunate enough to be voiced by the incomparable Mel Blanc - a task now handled by Jeff Bergman; and

WHEREAS, Daffy sprang, fully manic, from the imagination of Looney Tunes director Tex Avery in the 1937 cartoon **Porky's Duck Hunt** as a **"crazy darn fool duck"** bent on driving hunter Porky Pig and his retriever completely nuts. Gleefully bouncing across the surface of the marsh, Daffy had the audience at **"Woo-hoo!"** and he soon became a staple of Warner Bros. cartoons. Avery used him again the next year, with the duck getting top billing in **Daffy Duck and Egghead**, heckling a dim-witted hunter and cementing his reputation with a show-stopping performance of **"The Merry-Go-Round Broke Down,"** the tune that, as an instrumental, would become Looney Tunes' iconic theme song; and

WHEREAS, director Bob Clampett then put Daffy to work as a prizefighter in **Porky and Daffy**, amping up his antics and the level of his insanity as he pedals an imaginary bicycle declaring, **"I'm so crazy I don't know this is impossible!"** Daffy continued to evolve in cartoons by Avery, Clampett and Chuck Jones. But in 1940, he became the petty, self-serving, always sympathetic Daffy we know today in Friz Freleng's landmark animation-meets-live action short **You Ought to Be in Pictures** as he goads Porky Pig to tear up his contract - leaving Daffy in the clear to become Schlesinger's favorite son. Of course, it doesn't work out for him, but it set the course for a more nuanced, manipulative (but no less crazy) darn fool duck; and

WHEREAS, Daffy's transition from pure mania to a more savvy, wisecracking intelligence (undermined by a hilariously undeterred self-interest) only increased his popularity, and each director who employed him (Avery, Freleng, Clampett, Robert McKimson, Art Davis and Frank Tashlin) shaped what would become the Daffy the world knows today. It was Chuck Jones who recognized the comic potential of slowing down the duck and cast him in a string of memorable roles as the bumbling thief of Sherwood Forest (**Robin Hood Daffy**), a put-upon swashbuckler (**The Scarlet Pumpernickel**), a High Noon-like sheriff (**Drip-along Daffy**) and a space hero (**Duck Dodgers in the 24 1/2 Century**), all using Porky Pig as a sweet-natured sidekick and Greek chorus. The part that cemented Daffy's position as a Kafkaesque victim of the universe was Jones' sidesplitting **Duck Amuck**, which was added to the National Film Registry in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Daffy's pairing with his arch rival, Bugs Bunny, showed him to be equally sharp and equally funny with one critical difference - Bugs has an instinctive knack for making the laws of nature and physics work to his advantage: Daffy doesn't. But their rivalry was a delight to fans who felt comfortable laughing at and having sympathy for the suffering duck. As director Chuck Jones said, "Bugs is who we want to be. Daffy is who we are." Daffy went on to larger roles in feature films like **Space Jam** and **Looney Tunes: Back in Action**, and though he remains a prickly figure, he is loved by audiences nonetheless and was named one of the 50 Best Cartoon Characters of All Time by **TV Guide Magazine** in 2002. Currently, Daffy is starring with Bugs Bunny in the animated series **The Looney Tunes Show** on Cartoon Network, where Daffy is crashing with Bugs ... but just until he can "get back on his feet"; and

WHEREAS, Off-camera, Daffy Duck continues to be an emblematic character for various initiatives. The United States Postal Service has honored him by putting his image on a First-Class U.S. Postage Stamp, and he served as spokes duck for the U.S. Department of the Interior in preserving the nation's wetlands in the 1990s. He also teamed with Boston Red Sox pitcher Tim Wakefield for a limited-edition image of him at bat against Wakefield, with all proceeds donated to a children's charity; and

WHEREAS, Daffy's face is a bright spot on pediatric hospital gowns for sick children, with the image donated by his employers at Warner Bros. Wherever there is a cause, Daffy is in line to help. And that's not so **"Looney"** after all:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution the Los Angeles City Council hereby congratulates Daffy Duck on this well deserved honor of receiving his star on the World Famous Hollywood Walk of Fame.

September, 25, 2012

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