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RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, protecting the safety of the public and of the members of the Fire Department who carry out their duties on a daily basis is of utmost importance to the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, on January 28, 1981, Apparatus Operator Thomas G. Taylor of Truck Company 60 was burned to death in an arson fire at a restaurant in the community of North Hollywood when the roof of the building collapsed, plunging Firefighter Taylor directly into the raging inferno below and injuring eight other firefighters; and

WHEREAS, Mario Catanio was convicted of murder for deliberately setting fire to the building after being paid \$2,500 by its owners in an insurance arson scheme, and Catanio was sentenced to serve a term of 25 years to life in state prison; and

WHEREAS, Mario Catanio is scheduled to receive a parole hearing in the near future; and

WHEREAS, granting parole to an individual who deliberately set a fire that killed and injured firefighters would have a tremendous negative impact on the families of the victim, the men and women of the LAFD who bravely serve and put their lives at risk every day, and all of the residents of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles should vehemently oppose the granting of parole to Mario Catanio;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby calls upon the California Board of Parole Hearings (Parole Board) to deny the release of Mario Catanio so that he will continue to serve his lawful sentence as a consequence of his role in the death of Apparatus Operator Thomas G. Taylor.

PRESENTED BY:

Paul Krekorian
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Councilmember, 2nd District

SECONDED BY:

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