

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION

commending

John Seymour

Retiring *Orange County News* Editor and Career Journalist

- WHEREAS, Born in 1940 in Long Beach, California, John Seymour grew up attending local area schools, including Long Beach City College, and later, Long Beach State College (currently known as California State University, Long Beach), where he majored in journalism and social science; and
- WHEREAS, John's early talent and promise as an accomplished writer impelled his professional entry into print journalism at the age of 16, when he became a sports writer for his hometown newspaper, the Long Beach Press Telegram; and
- WHEREAS, With a solid start in news writing from Long Beach, John furthered his calling by writing for print media across several cities and counties, including Norwalk, Compton, Santa Maria, Adelanto, and Colton; and
- WHEREAS, Arriving at his final career destination in Orange County, John served the communities of Garden Grove, Stanton, Westminster, Fountain Valley, Anaheim, and Buena Park as a news reporter and editor for the Orange County News, Anaheim and Buena Park Independents, and the Westminster Journal; and
- WHEREAS, Throughout the years, John has earned a respected, trusted, and valued standing in the Garden Grove community for his professionalism, fairness, and integrity in news reporting, along with his personal candor, humor, and insightfulness; and
- WHEREAS, John has been repeatedly recognized by the news media in almost every communications category, ranging from news writing to photography, as well as "Outstanding Contributions to Journalism"; and
- WHEREAS, In addition to his professional excellence, John has been honored for his selfless dedication to the communities he serves by countless agencies, including the Lions Club, Kiwanis Club of Greater Garden Grove, the Interfaith Council of Garden Grove, Stanton, and Westminster, the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Garden Grove.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Garden Grove does hereby recognize and commend John Seymour on his retirement from a successful and long-standing journalistic career. Garden Grove extends deepest appreciation for his earnest commitment to the City and community, and wishes him all the best of a well-deserved retirement.

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