

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION

commending
Ruth Smith
Garden Grove City Clerk

- WHEREAS, On March 11, 1981, Garden Grove welcomed Ruth Smith as the new department secretary for the City's Administrative Services Department; and
- WHEREAS, On August 17, 1981, only five months after joining the City of Garden Grove, Ruth was promoted to Deputy City Clerk; and
- WHEREAS, From the onset, Ruth captivated colleagues with her jovial personality, eclectic style, adventurous spirit, and infectious *joie de vivre*, that garnered her a celebrity-like status in City Hall; and
- WHEREAS, On October 13, 1997, Ruth ascended to the pinnacle of her professional City career by becoming City Clerk for Garden Grove; and
- WHEREAS, Building on her earlier years as PTA president, Ruth immersed herself in community work by joining many leading community organizations and causes; and
- WHEREAS, As a result, Ruth earned several prominent professional and humanitarian honors, including 1999 Woman of the Year by the California State Assembly; 2004 Woman of the Year by the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce; and 2006 Cypress College Americana Citizen of the Year for Garden Grove; and
- WHEREAS, As Garden Grove's modern-day Amelia Earhart, Ruth made history for women by becoming the first female member of the Garden Grove Lions Club, and later president. She is also a long-standing member of the Garden Grove Elks Lodge, Garden Grove Sister City Association, Soroptimist International of Garden Grove, and Acacia Adult Day Services; and
- WHEREAS, After 26 years of excellence to the City of Garden Grove, on December 12, 2007, family, friends, City Family, and professional colleagues will wish Garden Grove's beloved City Clerk, humanitarian, world-traveler, fashion diva, and lifelong friend the best retirement has to offer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Garden Grove does hereby recognize and commend Ruth Smith on the occasion of her retirement, extend deepest appreciation for her venerated contributions to the City and its residents, and wish her countless fulfillments in her future years ahead.

William J. Dalton, Mayor Mark Rosen, Mayor Pro Tem Dina Nguyen, Council Member
Bruce A. Broadwater, Council Member Steven R. Jones, Council Member

December 11, 2007