

# RESOLUTION

## RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles Fire Department Firefighter Kelly Wong passed away in the line of duty on June 5, 2017, at the age of 29; he is survived by his loving wife, Danielle, and his six-year-old son, Colton; and

WHEREAS, Kelly Wong moved to California in 1997 when he was eight years old with his mother, Anne; first attended college at Mt. San Antonio College, where he received his associate degree in fire technology, graduated with academic honors, and was recognized for his stewardship in the local community; and went on to receive his Bachelor of Science from Columbia Southern University, with a concentration in fire systems; and

WHEREAS, Kelly Wong continued on to graduate and become a firefighter with the Los Angeles Fire Department on August 20, 2015, Drill Tower 40, Class 14-2, earning distinction in the firefighting academy and being named the Top Academic Recruit of his graduating class; and

WHEREAS, in his free time, Kelly Wong enjoyed the outdoors, traveling, as well as learning new subjects and problem solving, and he was an avid aviation enthusiast who was in the process of obtaining his fixed wing private pilot rating from Universal Air Academy at Brackett Field Airport; and

WHEREAS, Kelly Wong was just starting his career as a two-year veteran of the Los Angeles Fire Department, assigned to Fire Station 92 in Rancho Park and about to be transferred to Fire Station 9, the Downtown and Skid Row station when, on June 3, 2017, while participating in a training exercise in downtown Los Angeles, he unfortunately fell from an aerial ladder and suffered critical injuries; on June 5, 2017, Kelly Wong succumbed to those injuries; and

WHEREAS, Kelly Wong was known to always have a smile on his face, especially when answering the call of duty as a firefighter to assist others in their most dire times of need and he exemplified the professionalism, work ethic, dedication, and self-sacrifice for which Los Angeles Fire Department firefighters are known, touched the lives of many, is sorely missed by all who knew him, and will never be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, currently pending in the California Legislature is a measure, Senate Concurrent Resolution 78 (Durazo) which would designate a portion of southbound State Route 101, from the Temple St. ramp to the Broadway St. ramp, adjacent to the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, as the Los Angeles Firefighter Kelly Wong Memorial Highway;

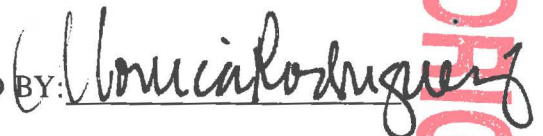
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021-2022 State Legislative Program support for Senate Concurrent Resolution 78 (Durazo) which would designate a portion of southbound State Route 101, from the Temple St. ramp to the Broadway St. ramp, adjacent to the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, as the Los Angeles Firefighter Kelly Wong Memorial Highway.

PRESENTED BY

  
KEVIN DE LEÓN

Councilmember, 14th District

SECONDED BY:



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