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CONSENT CALENDAR

July 20, 2004

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Kriss Worthington

Subject: ADOPT A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY, FRIENDS AND CO-WORKERS OF MARLA BENNETT, AND ADJOURNING THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 20TH IN HER HONOR

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Berkeley City Council adopts a resolution expressing sympathy to the family, friends and co-workers of Marla Bennett and adjourning the City Council meeting of July 20th in her honor.

BACKGROUND:

Marla Bennett graduated from U.C. Berkeley in 2000. She was very active at the Berkeley Hillel. She was attending graduate school at Hebrew University in Israel until July 31, 2002 when she was one of nine people killed when a terrorist planted nail-studded bomb exploded in the campus cafeteria. It is fitting and proper that we pause to remember Marla Bennett as one of Berkeley's personal links to the tragic violence in the Middle East.

Following is an excerpt from an essay by Marla Bennett:

“At least if I am here I can take an active role in attempting to put back together all that has broken. I can volunteer in the homes of Israelis affected by terrorism. I can put food in collection baskets for Palestinian families. I can see what goes on each day with my own eyes...”

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

NONE

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