



AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 12, 2006

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS
DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:
RECOGNITION OF THE UNLV REBEL YELL NEWSPAPER FOR EARNING
NATIONAL JOURNALISTS AWARDS

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at meeting: copy of proclamation presented to The Rebel Yell

Minutes:

No motion required. Presentation was made.

MAYOR GOODMAN called forward former Rebel Yell staff members LAURA TUCKER, MELISSA ROTHERMEL, JENNIFER ALLEN and NATHAN SOSA to recognize the UNLV Rebel Yell Newspaper. The Mayor then indicated that the Rebel Yell Newspaper recently received two Mark of Excellence Awards from the Society of Professional Journalists. The publication was named the national winner for best all-around non-daily student newspaper and a national finalist in the category of editorial cartooning. There was some very tough competition, with more than 3,000 entries in several dozen categories. An awards ceremony will take place in Chicago this summer.

MAYOR GOODMAN proclaimed July 12, 2006, as Rebel Yell Day in the City of Las Vegas. MS. TUCKER accepted the Proclamation and stated that the publication's recognition is a reflection of UNLV and its students, great staff and wonderful instructors. The Society of Professional Journalists is one of the largest and the Rebel Yell competed against much older, well-known schools. This is proof of UNLV being worthy of becoming a top-tier university.

MR. SOSA shared the sentiments of MS. TUCKER, adding that for many years people in the State have viewed UNLV as a non-prestigious university that does not provide the same opportunities as more established universities, but this accomplishment disproves that misconception.