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**CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 12, 2006**

**DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS**  
**DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN**

**SUBJECT:**  
RECOGNITION OF THE MEMORIAL HONORING DOGS THAT SERVED WITH  
THE MILITARY

**BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

Submitted at meeting: Copy of Proclamation presented Honoring International War  
Dogs/Working Dogs Memorial

Minutes:

No motion required. A presentation was made.

GEORGE DENNIS, Commander, VFW Post, joined COUNCILMAN BROWN to recognize the memorial honoring dogs that served with the military, which was unveiled during a ceremony at Barkin' Basin Park. COUNCILMAN BROWN read the last three paragraphs of the Proclamation declaring Wednesday, July 12, 2006, to be International War Dogs/Working Dogs Day.

COMMANDER DENNIS accepted the Proclamation and said that for many years veterans who have served this country have been honored, but the faithful four-legged veterans that have served this country have been forgotten. He thanked the Council for this honor, and then introduced colleagues CHUCK BAKER, advocate for seniors and veterans, and JACK WATTS, veteran.

MR. WATTS commented that he became involved in Springfield, Illinois, in providing free memorials for military dogs, and they are wonderful works of art, but they are very costly. Therefore, he started thinking of how he could raise money on an international basis and obtained assistance from the Legal Foundry of Utah. He then came up with the idea of a 45-pound, custom-made plaque that could be placed in every city in any country. He noted that the dogs saved thousands of soldiers, but 400 trainers were lost in the Vietnam alone.

Additional Recognitions: TROOP 420

At the request of MAYOR GOODMAN, JOE MILLER and KELLY McGUINNESS from Boy Scout Troop 420 came forward and introduced themselves. They were present to observe the meeting in order to meet the requirements for earning merit badges.

Additional Recognitions: BATTERIES INCLUDED: COUNCILMAN WEEKLY introduced KEVIN LAY, who works for the City under the Batteries Included Program and was sitting with COUNCILMAN WEEKLY for a portion of the meeting. MR. LAY expressed his appreciation to the Council for allowing him to work with Field Operations; it has been a very neat experience for him.



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Additional Recognitions: MAYOR GOODMAN observed a moment of silence in memory of KATHY AUGUSTINE, State Comptroller, who recently passed away of a massive heart attack.