

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE **CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: DECEMBER 2, 2009**

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:

RECOGNITION OF WARD 2 RESIDENT SHANE EMERICK FOR RENDERING MEDICAL AID

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at Meeting Copy of Certificate of Recognition for Shane Emerick

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON recognized SHANE EMERICK for his heroic efforts in aiding an ailing female passenger while on return Northwest Flight #49 from Rome, Italy. Although he is not a doctor, MR. EMERICK communicated via telephone with a doctor to stabilize the passenger, and within 15 minutes, he made the difficult decision of continuing the flight to Detroit, Michigan, rather than returning to Rome, Italy.

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON stated that MR. EMERICK has always been dedicated to public service, as he was once a chief warrant officer in the Army, where he piloted MediVac helicopters, and an emergency medical technician with the San Bernardino County Fire Department. In his current position as chief deputy public defender, he defends indigent people who have been accused of a crime and are entitled to representation in court.

As MR. EMERICK came forward, COUNCILMAN WOLFSON acknowledged PHIL KOHN, Clark County Public Defender, and LAURA EMERICK, MR. EMERICK'S wife. MR. EMERICK accepted the Certificate of Recognition and gave credit to the crew of Flight #49, noting that its members are the true heroes. As a public defender, he is grateful for being able to help people.

GREG GAMMON, Chief of Las Vegas Fire and Rescue, came forward and presented MR. EMERICK with a coffee cup, a patch and a framed certificate, making him an honorary emergency medical technician (EMT) of Las Vegas Fire and Rescue.