

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE **CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: APRIL 6, 2011**

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

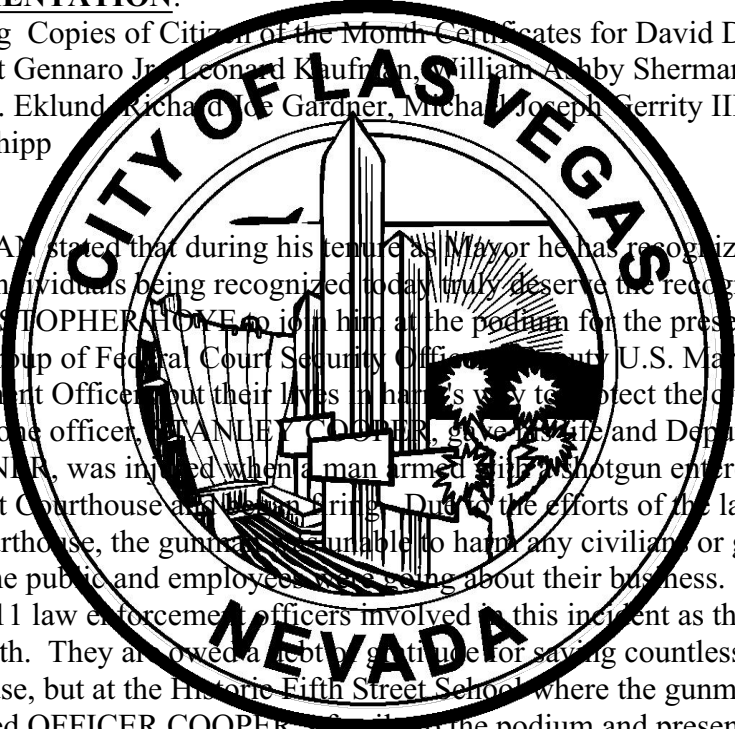
SUBJECT:

RECOGNITION OF THE CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at Meeting Copies of Citizen of the Month Certificates for David Diliberti, Justin Ford, Arthur Vincent Gennaro Jr, Leonard Kaufman, William Ashby Sherman, Stanley Wayne Cooper, John Jack E. Eklund, Richard Lee Gardner, Michael Joseph Gerrity III, Robert John Riscen and Sherry Shipp

Minutes:

The seal of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, is a circular emblem. It features a central illustration of the New Strip Tower, a tall, slender skyscraper. The tower is set against a background of a desert landscape with a sunburst at the top. The words "CITY OF LAS VEGAS" are written in a circular path around the top of the seal, and "NEVADA" is written at the bottom. The seal is partially overlaid by the text of the minutes.

MAYOR GOODMAN stated that during his tenure as Mayor he has recognized many citizens of the month, but the individuals being recognized today truly deserve the recognition. He invited U.S. Marshal CHRISTOPHER HOYE to join him at the podium for the presentation. On January 4, 2010 a group of Federal Court Security Officers, Deputy U.S. Marshals and Federal Detention Enforcement Officers put their lives in harm's way to protect the citizens of Las Vegas. Tragically, one officer, DANIEL COOPER, gave his life and Deputy U.S. Marshal RICHARD GARDNER, was injured when a man armed with a shotgun entered the Lloyd D. George U.S. District Courthouse and began firing. Due to the efforts of the law enforcement personnel at the courthouse, the gunman was unable to harm any civilians or gain access to the courthouse where the public and employees were going about their business. The Mayor proudly named the 11 law enforcement officers involved in this incident as the April 2011 Citizens of the Month. They all owed a debt of gratitude for saving countless lives that day, not only at the courthouse, but at the Historic Fifth Street School where the gunman was fatally wounded. He invited OFFICER COOPER'S family to the podium and presented MARTY COOPER, Officer COOPER'S son, and the 11 officers with plaques. MAYOR GOODMAN thanked all of them and stated that this incident is a reminder of the sacrifices that law enforcement officers face each day.

U.S. Marshal HOYE thanked the Mayor and Council for the recognition with a heavy heart. On January 4, 2010 no one anticipated an act occurring at the Federal Courthouse, but these recognized court officers put their lives on the line daily. People who come to the courthouse usually come to mitigate a distressful issue, and the court officers do their best to help assuage fears. When the gunman entered the courthouse, he was bent on destruction, and more lives would have been lost had these officers not taken the actions they did. OFFICER COOPER made people feel comfortable both at the courthouse and as a police officer prior to his retirement from the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. U.S. Marshal HOYE is honored to be the leader of the U.S. Marshal Service and is humbled to be amongst these heroic men and women.