



Resolution of Commendation

Khoa Van Le

WHEREAS, Khoa Van Le came to the United States in 1975 as a Vietnamese refugee and began to promote the mutual understanding between the Vietnamese refugees and the American citizens; and

WHEREAS, in order to promote understanding between the two cultures, Khoa Van Le organized concerts and photo exhibits beginning in California and later in Washington, DC; and

WHEREAS, Khoa Van Le resides in Westminster, CA and has his works performed extensively throughout the United States, Australia and Europe; and

WHEREAS, Khoa Van Le is recognized as the first composer to fuse two musical cultures, Vietnam and Ukraine, by writing Vietnamese folk songs for the national instrument of the Ukraine, the bandura, which will be performed at the September 11, 2010 "Ode to Freedom" concert in Washington, DC

WHEREAS, due to the efforts of Khoa Van Le, the September 11, 2010 "Ode to Freedom" concert is the first of its kind to blend Vietnamese music with multi-cultural concepts and approaches; and

WHEREAS, Khoa Van Le has also blended the pain of his lost country to the communists in 1975 in his "Vietnam 1975" symphony and the American tragedy of September 11, 2001 in his "Elegy". Both pieces will be performed in this "Ode to Freedom" concert.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Margie L. Rice, Mayor of the City of Westminster, on behalf of Mayor Pro Tem Frank G. Fry, and City Council Members Tri Ta, Andy Quach, and Tyler Diep, hereby commend

Khoa Van Le

for his dedication to bringing the arts and music to the world for the better understanding of different cultures.

Dated: September 11, 2010



Margie L. Rice
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Mayor