

## *In Recognition of Jim Coombs*

**WHEREAS**, the La Habra City Council feels it is very important to recognize individuals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and dedicated public service to the community; and,

**WHEREAS**, Jim Coombs has dedicated more than three and a half decades to public education, beginning his esteemed career in 1987 as a science teacher, athletic coach, and Director of Student Activities in the Bonita Unified School District; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Coombs' passion for student success and educational excellence led him to serve as Assistant Principal at both the Junior High and High School levels, eventually rising to the role of High School Principal in the West Covina Unified and Fullerton Joint Union High School Districts; and

**WHEREAS**, his exemplary leadership and commitment to academic achievement earned him the position of Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction in the Monrovia Unified and Claremont Unified School Districts, where he further influenced student learning and instructional quality; and

**WHEREAS**, in January 2017, Mr. Coombs was appointed Superintendent of Schools for the Lowell Joint School District, a role in which he has served with distinction, integrity, and a deep commitment to the students, families, and staff of the District; and,

**WHEREAS**, throughout his career, Mr. Coombs has been credited for assisting in receiving the 2022 California School Board Association Golden Bell Award for the Arts for All program, "Let the Music Play;" having all six campuses in the District being named California Distinguished Schools; successfully passing Measure LL in 2018, a \$48 million bond measure aimed at modernizing and repairing aging school facilities; and, improving test scores that continue to outperform State and County averages in math and reading; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Coombs has been a model of servant leadership, inspiring educators, empowering students, and fostering school communities centered on learning, equity, and respect.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the City Council of the City of La Habra does hereby commend and honor Jim Coombs for his extraordinary service and leadership, expresses its deepest gratitude for his contributions, and extends best wishes for a fulfilling and well-deserved retirement.

**DATED** this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025.

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Rose Espinoza  
Mayor

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Attest: Rhonda J. Barone, CMC  
City Clerk