RECOGNIZING AND HONORING GEORGE LEITMANN'S
PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

WHEREAS, George Leitmann was born in Vienna, Austria on May 24, 1925; and
WHEREAS, at the age of 15, George escaped from Austria with his mother and two grandmothers; and
WHEREAS, in 1943, after graduation from high school in New York, George immediately joined the U.S. Army and served in the reconnaissance unit of the 286th Combat Engineer Battalion; and
WHEREAS, George Leitmann was involved in the battle of Colmar and assisted in the liberation of the concentration camps at Landsberg and Kaufering, where prisoners were used as slave labor for building underground munition plants; and
WHEREAS, France's highest military honor, the Croix de Guerre avec Palmes was awarded to George Leitmann for his role in the capture of Colmar in Alsace Lorraine, and
WHEREAS, at the end of the war, George served as an interrogator at the Nuremberg war crimes trial, and
WHEREAS, after his discharge from military service in 1946, George began his university education, first in New York and then at the University of California at Berkeley, where he received a PhD in Engineering in 1956 and started a long and productive career in research and teaching, joining the faculty at UC in 1957 and continuing as Professor in the Graduate School and Associate Director for International Relations in the College of Engineering; and
WHEREAS, George Leitmann is considered to be one of the leading authorities in optimal control theory and its applications, receiving the highest awards and honors from countries all over the world for his contributions to the field and for his role in fostering international scientific collaboration; and
WHEREAS, The City of Berkeley is very proud to have George Leitmann as a resident and joins others around the globe who have celebrated George's contributions during World War II and after.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I Tom Bates, Mayor of the City of Berkeley, recognize and honor George Leitmann in his hometown of Berkeley, California for his courage during World War II and his lifetime of personal and professional accomplishments.

Tom Bates
Mayor
June 26, 2012