

RESOLUTION NUMBER 4020

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERRIS,
REQUESTING THE DOWNTOWN MULTI-MODAL FACILITY BE
DEDICATED AS “WARD KIMBALL MULTI-MODAL FACILITY”

WHEREAS, Ward Walrath Kimball was born on March 4, 1914 in Minneapolis, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Kimball joined the Walt Disney Studios at the age of 20 and became one of the animators known as Disney's Nine Old Men; and

WHEREAS, some of the most memorable characters that Kimball brought to life include: Jiminy Cricket in "Pinocchio", Tweedledee and Tweedledum in "Alice in Wonderland" and Lucifer in "Cinderella"; and

WHEREAS, in the mid-1950s Kimball became a director and was responsible for the Academy Award-winning short "Toot, Whistle, Plunk and Boom"; and

WHEREAS, Kimball received an Academy Award for the short animated cartoon “It's Tough to be a Bird” (1969); and

WHEREAS, in 1948 Kimball formed the Dixieland jazz band "Firehouse Five Plus Two" and

WHEREAS, in 1972 Kimball retired from Disney; and

WHEREAS, in 1973 Kimball served for several years as president of the Train Collector's Association, attending conventions and making a name for himself as a train lover's train lover; and

WHEREAS, in 1978 Kimball made his grandest post-retirement public appearance on a train tour from Los Angeles to New York in celebration of Mickey Mouse's 50th birthday; and

WHEREAS, in 1989 Kimball was named a Disney Legend; and

WHEREAS, Kimball died in Arcadia, CA on July 8, 2002 at age 88; and

WHEREAS, in 1938 Kimball and his wife, Betty, founded and built the first privately-owned backyard railroad in America in their San Gabriel home; and

WHEREAS, in 1990 the Kimball's announced the donation of their Grizzly Flats Railroad to the Orange Empire Railway Museum, along with the funding to erect a four-track engine house for the preservation and display of this historic collection.

WHEREAS, in 2005 the Disneyland Railroad at Disneyland named their newly-acquired Engine No. 5 the "Ward Kimball" in his memory; and

WHEREAS, the new Downtown Multi-Modal Facility is located at the southeast corner of San Jacinto Avenue and C Street in the City of Perris.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Perris that the City of Perris requests the County of Riverside dedicate the Downtown Multi-Modal Facility the "Ward Kimball Multi-Modal Facility," in memory of Ward Kimball.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED THIS 9th day of October, 2007.

Daryl R. Busch, Mayor

Attest:

Judy L. Haughney, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) ss
CITY OF PERRIS)

I, Judy Haughney, City Clerk of the City of Perris, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution Number 4020 was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Perris at a regular meeting thereof held the 9th day of October 2007, by the following called vote:

Ayes: Rogers, Yarbrough, Landers, Motte, Busch
Noes: None
Absent: None

Judy L. Haughney, City Clerk