



PROCLAMATION

HONORING RASMUSSEN IRON WORKS, INC. 100TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, In 1907, Danish immigrant Rasmus Rasmussen opened his blacksmith shop in Whittier where he made horseshoes and repaired wagons, while his son, Harry, made fire tools; and

WHEREAS, Gradually, the family business expanded into wrought iron railings, window guards and fire screens. In keeping up with the times, the business expanded to making walnut washers for the area's many walnut groves and tool pusher bodies for oil tool trucks; and

WHEREAS, In 1945, Rasmussen moved into its present location on Philadelphia Street and from that time until the early 80's, Rasmussen operated a fireplace and barbecue retail store at the front of the property, while manufacturing was accomplished in the back; and

WHEREAS, In 1958, Rasmuss's grandson, Ted Jr., developed the sand pan gas log burner which offered a more realistic flame effect than previously available and made his own molds and cast his own fireproof logs; and


WHEREAS, Ted Jr.'s son, Rett, joined the company in the late 80's and helped to develop the "Chillbuster" line; and

WHEREAS, Four generations of Rasmussens have worked out of the facilities on Philadelphia Street which manufacture the Chillbuster line of gas log heaters and the Solaire Infrared Grills; and

WHEREAS, Through all the changes over the years, craftsmanship, value and industry leadership have been the constants at Rasmussen Iron Works, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Owen Newcomer, Mayor of the City of Whittier, do hereby honor **Rasmussen Iron Works, Inc.** on its 100th Anniversary in the City of Whittier. Because of caring businesses such as yours, Whittier remains an outstanding place in which to live and work.

PROCLAIMED this 1st day of December 2007.


Owen Newcomer, Mayor