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ZINE INTRODUCES TWO MOTIONS TO HONOR MILITARY SERVICE

(Los Angeles) - Seeking to honor those individuals who courageously and honorably serve in the military, Councilman Dennis P. Zine introduced two motions on Friday to provide avenues for honoring individuals for military service.

The first motion seeks to honor all City residents who serve in the military by creating a process to request a street banner. Other municipalities have hung banners from street lights honoring individuals for service, and the City of Los Angeles currently hangs banners from street lights to announce events and create community outreach.

An accompanying motion introduced by Councilman Zine today addresses City of Los Angeles employees who are currently on military leave. The Personnel Department reported, as of May 2005, that 102 employees were on military leave. That number has grown, and as such, a display honoring these employees similar to that which was recently created at the Department of Water and Power Building is appropriate.

“Honoring our military personnel through banners and displays is vital not only to thank them for their service but also to provide support for their families,” said Zine, chair of the Personnel Committee of the City Council. “We need to show an affirmative step towards supporting our troops.”

Both motions require action by the Chief Legislative Analyst’s Office and the City’s Administrative Officer to establish funding sources. These motions have been referred to Personnel, Public Works, and Information Technology and General Services Committees.

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