

State Historical Resources Commission

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-10

RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS

Beverly Hills Hotel

WHEREAS, The 1912 Beverly Hills Hotel, the first major building constructed in Beverly Hills, was conceived as the centerpiece of the new residential community in order to attract tourists and potential residents from the East and Midwest to the beauty and mild climate of southern California; and

WHEREAS, From the beginning, the Beverly Hills Hotel was the social center of Beverly Hills where the lobby and bar provided a gathering place for early Hollywood settlers, including W.C. Fields, John Barrymore, Gene Fowler, Will Rogers, Sara Bernhardt, and Mary Pickford; and

WHEREAS, Several famous architects have been associated with the Hotel, including Elmer Grey, Paul Williams, Paul Lazlo, Edward Taylor and the architectural firm of Pereira and Luckman; and

WHEREAS, In 1992, after nearly a century of use, the entire hotel closed for over two years while the property underwent rehabilitation, during which the famous Polo Lounge, the Fountain Coffee Room, the Mission Revival bell towers, and the pink stucco that clads the structure underwent in-kind restoration, in which all significant character-defining elements of these features were retained and preserved and work was monitored by preservation consultants for consistency with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, The City of Beverly Hills' newly established Historic Preservation Ordinance authorizes the Cultural Heritage Commission to recommend the nomination of properties as local landmarks to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, On July 24, 2012, the Beverly Hills City Council, upon unanimous recommendation by the Beverly Hills Cultural Heritage Commission, designated Beverly Hills Hotel the City's first historic landmark;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that official congratulations on behalf of the State Historical Resources Commission and the State Historic Preservation Officer is given to the Beverly Hills Hotel in honor of its one-hundredth anniversary and designation as Beverly Hills' first historic landmark; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be recorded in the minutes of the State Historical Resources Commission and a suitable copy presented to the Beverly Hills Hotel.

August 3, 2012

STATE HISTORICAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

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