

Resolution of Commendation

Congressman Alan Lowenthal, 47th District

- WHEREAS, Congressman Alan Stuart Lowenthal was born on March 8, 1941 in New York, NY, earning his Ph.D. from Ohio State University, the same university attended by Garden Grove founder, Alonzo G. Cook; and
- WHEREAS, In 1969, Congressman Lowenthal moved to Long Beach, CA to teach at California State University, Long Beach, and in 1992 was elected to the Long Beach City Council where he served for six years, followed by three terms in the state assembly, then two years in the state senate; and
- WHEREAS, In 2012, he successfully ran for the newly-created 47th District, one of the most ethnically-diverse districts in the nation that encompasses Garden Grove along with several other western Orange County and eastern Los Angeles County cities, that was followed by highly successful re-elections in 2014, 2016, 2018, and 2020; and
- WHEREAS, An advocate of many noteworthy causes, Congressman Lowenthal rallied for millions of dollars in regional funding for key infrastructure projects that included the Garden Grove Chapman Avenue/Lamplighter Street fiber-optic traffic signal system, and the OC Streetcar project; he also supported passage of the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act, which allocated \$48 million in critical COVID-19 relief funds to the City, as well as the CARES Act that provided nearly \$1.8 million for homeless prevention and nutrition services, along with the CARES Act's Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program directed to the Garden Grove Police Department's COVID-19 response efforts; and
- WHEREAS, In honor of long-time Garden Grove resident and Medal of Honor recipient Tibor Rubin, Congressman Lowenthal introduced legislation to rename the Department of Veteran Affairs Medical Center in Long Beach, as the Tibor Rubin VA Medical Center, that was signed into law in 2016 by President Obama; and
- WHEREAS, Congressman Lowenthal co-hosted an annual Garden Grove Veteran's Day flag raising ceremony, as well as free local health care fairs, and attended countless Garden Grove community events, such as the Garden Grove Call to Duty Police Memorial; and
- WHEREAS, After an illustrious 30-year career in public service, Congressman Alan Lowenthal will retire at the conclusion of his current term.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Garden Grove does hereby recognize and commend Congressman Alan Lowenthal on his retirement, expressing deepest appreciation for his valued contributions towards the betterment of Garden Grove, and wishing him many new wonderful memories ahead.

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