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CARDENAS' VETERANS DAY CANDLELIGHT VIGIL SWINGS INTO LARGE SCALE PRODUCTION WITH 40's BAND AND STAR-STUDDED HEROES

Over 200 Veterans RSVP to see 2-Star General, Audio-Visual Tribute

VAN NUYS- Raising the event to a whole new level of musical and theatrical production, LA City Councilman Tony Cardenas will host and sponsor his **5th Annual Veterans Day Candlelight Vigil** with an array of stunning stage performances and powerful audio-visual tributes. Cardenas has reached out to more veterans, more performers, and more high-brass officials this year making the event one of the most talked about of the season. Already, over 200 veterans and their families, including high-ranking war heroes, have confirmed their attendance. The event celebrates all veterans and the vigil portion is in recognition of soldiers currently in harms way.

After a glittering performance by the renowned swing band "9-Carat Gold", Cardenas will project an audio-visual tribute produced by his office. State and local elected officials will be initiating the lighting of the candles. This year, a two-star general, Major General Paul Mock, will be the keynote speaker. Major General Mock, who recently returned from Iraq, is a retired LAPD officer. His last mission was as Commanding General of the unit that processed the remains of recently fallen heroes. Other veterans will be sharing their stories as well, including Command Chaplain Colonel William L. Brunold and Staff Sergeant Cristina Aguilera of Cardenas' office.

Bathed in red, white, and blue, the beautiful mission-style courtyard of Van Nuys City Hall will also display military vehicles and tents with camo-netting. Kids can play with a giant-size "GI Johnnie" and see a real military dog-tag machine. **Given the expansion of this year's vigil, a press walk-thru is available at 2pm the day of the event. A press riser will be available during the ceremony. All media should RSVP Stacy Bellew at 818-322-7183. Military staging will be left in tact for late live shots. See attached program.**

(Visuals: sparkling swing band, illuminated mission-style courtyard, choir, stage displaying giant flag and large widescreen projecting tribute video, Humvees and tents with camo-netting, veterans and community members lighting candles, Van Nuys City Hall bathed in patriotic colors.)

WHO: Councilman Tony Cardenas, Senator Alex Padilla, Assemblyman Felipe Fuentes, Major General Paul Mock, Command Chaplain Colonel William L. Brunold, Staff Sergeant Cristina Aguilera, 9-Carat Gold Swing Band, Harmony Choir, Veterans and their families.

WHAT: Cardenas' 5th Annual Veterans Day Candlelight Vigil

WHEN: Sunday, November 11, 2007, 6:30-9:00pm

WHERE: Van Nuys City Hall (courtyard in back of building), 14410 Sylvan St, Van Nuys, CA 91401

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