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MAYOR VILLARAIGOSA'S STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF JON LAURITZEN

LOS ANGELES - Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa made the following statement today regarding the passing of Jon Lauritzen, former LAUSD Boardmember and San Fernando Valley teacher:

"The people of Los Angeles have lost a first-rate educator, public servant and neighborhood leader.

"Jon Lauritzen worked tirelessly to fulfill the promise of a public education, that hard work in our classrooms will lead to success in life. He believed teaching personal responsibility, honesty, discipline and respect were essential to preparing students to become active members of society.

"Jon practiced what he preached. After becoming a commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in the Army, he spent a lifetime working to strengthen educational quality in San Fernando Valley schools.

"Today, we mourn the loss of a true Angeleno. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jon's wife, Janice, and their family."

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