CITY OF PALO ALTO
PROCLAMATION

GLEIM THE JEWELER
CELEBRATING 80 YEARS IN PALO ALTO

WHEREAS, Gleim the Jeweler has contributed to the economic vitality of Palo Alto for 80 years, as well as participated marking auspicious life occasions for generations of Palo Altans; and

WHEREAS, Gleim the Jeweler is one of the premier independent, family owned and operated jewelers in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Frederick Gleim opened the first Gleim jewelry store on University Avenue in downtown Palo Alto in 1931; and

WHEREAS, Frederick’s son, Arthur continued to successfully build the business gaining a national reputation for quality and expertise; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Gleim earned the coveted Robert M. Shipley award ~ the highest honor in the jewelry industry ~ and was the only person to have ever served as President of the American Gem Society, President of the Jewelers of America and Chairman of the Board of the Gemological Institute of America; and

WHEREAS, Arthur’s daughter, Georgie Gleim, has continued the family legacy of leadership in the industry, and as President of Gleim the Jeweler she has also received the Robert M. Shipley award and has served as President of the American Gem Society and President of the Jewelers of America, a national retail organization; and

WHEREAS, Gleim the Jeweler has a tradition of community involvement, through supporting many nonprofit organizations, and presenting the annual Gleim Community Service Award to a local volunteer; and

WHEREAS, Gleim the Jeweler received the prestigious Tall Tree Award for Outstanding Business in 1994, and in 2007 Georgie Gleim received the esteemed Athena Award given to an exceptional business woman.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sidney Espinosa, Mayor of the City of Palo Alto, on behalf of the City Council do hereby proclaim congratulations to Gleim the Jeweler for 80 years of business excellence and service to Palo Alto.

Presented: June/2011

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Sidney A. Espinosa
Mayor