



From left: Angie Gutierrez, Lupe Marquez, Adriana Vasquez, Terry and Ed Piña, Carol Holguin and Angie Pina. Bottom: Matthew Pina.



From left: Greg Torres; Terry and Ed Pina; and Frank Meza.



From left: Dean Galina, Ed Pina and Oscar Soto.



Ed Piña, Retiree from Construction Forces, General Services, receives a plaque and autographed helmet, with Greg Torres.



From left: Matthew Pina, Ed's grandson; Aaron Pina, Ed's son; Terry and Ed Pina; Chuy Pina, Ed's brother; and Tim Pina, Ed's nephew.

Goodbye to Sheet Metal Ed

■ Ed Piña retires from General Services after 31 years of City service.

GENERAL SERVICES — Friends, family and coworkers held a retirement party for Ed Piña Aug. 30 at the Acapulco Restaurant on Sunset Boulevard.

Ed, a Sheet Metal Worker, retired from General Services after 31 years of City service.

Here is a resolution prepared by the City Council for his sendoff:

"Whereas Edward L. Piña, Sheet Metal Worker, General Services, Construction Forces Division, is retiring June 13, 2006, after 31 years of dedicated and conscientious service to the people of the City of Los Angeles; and

"Whereas Edward L. Piña began his career as an exempt Maintenance and Construction Helper on January 20, 1975, and worked in that

capacity with Public Works; and

"Whereas Edward L. Piña was promoted to a regular position in 1978 as a Maintenance and Construction Helper with Rec and Parks; and

"Whereas Edward L. Piña was appointed to a Mechanical Repairer I position on an emergency appointment in 1980, within Rec and Parks; and

"Whereas Edward L. Piña was promoted to Sheet Metal Worker in 1980 with General Services; and

"Whereas Edward L. Piña was seriously injured on duty in 1996 in a ladder accident at the construction site of temporary Fire Station No. 78 that threatened to end his career as a journey level craft worker, and after an extended period of disability, he returned in 1998 to full unrestricted active duty as a Sheet Metal Worker with Construction Forces Division and performed those craft duties up to the time of his retirement and became an advocate for ladder safety within the Sheet Metal Crew and all the Construction

Forces Division and worked in many capacities to promote safety and improve work conditions and procedures for his fellow employees; and

"Whereas Edward L. Piña has worked tirelessly to assist numerous charity and fundraising events sponsored by the Division, Department and City for the benefit of many needy Los Angeles residents and unselfishly performed 'five-star' cooking and grilling for many significant events marking retirements, promotions and celebrations of all sorts; and

"Whereas Edward L. Piña looks forward to a retirement of enjoyment, fishing, gaming and traveling with family and friends.

"Now, therefore, be it resolved that, by the adoption of this resolution, the Mayor and the Los Angeles City Council honors and congratulates Edward L. Piña on his retirement as a Sheet Metal Worker after 31 years of outstanding service to the City of Los Angeles;

"Be it further resolved that the Mayor and the



Ed Piña.

Los Angeles City Council commends Edward L. Piña for his dedication, professionalism, loyalty and numerous contributions he has made to the City of Los Angeles, and extends their best wishes for a long, happy and rewarding retirement."

Congratulations, Ed, on your retirement!

Thanks to Ed's wife, Terry, and Beverly Pleasant for their assistance in producing this article.

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