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**CITY OF SAN DIEGO NAMES ROGER BRONNER
2006 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SANITATION WORKER OF YEAR**

SAN DIEGO, CA— Chula Vista resident Roger Bronner, a sanitation driver for the City of San Diego, had his day when the City Council declared April 25, 2006 as “Mr. Roger Bronner Day” in recognition of the driver’s commitment to the principles of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and for Bronner’s strong work ethic.

In front of City Council, Council President Pro Tem Anthony Young congratulated Bronner, who has worked for the City since 1989, and presented him with the 7th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Sanitation Worker of the Year Award. Each year, Council honors a City sanitation driver who “exhibits the virtues taught by Dr. King through personal conduct, interactions with others, and the performance of duty while serving the citizens of San Diego.”

“I am so honored and grateful for this day” said Bronner, “and I hope to continue working here until I retire,” he said.

“Bronner’s job performance exemplifies the quality of work performed by the Environmental Services Department Collection Services Division, which has been top-rated in customer satisfaction in the City’s annual resident satisfaction surveys,” said Elmer L. Heap, Jr., director of the City of San Diego Environmental Services Department.

Each year the City of San Diego, along with other cities throughout the United States, recognizes sanitation workers for exhibiting Dr. King’s virtues. They do so to commemorate the work of Dr. King, who arrived in Memphis, Tennessee on April 4, 1968, the day of his assassination to lead a protest march the following day to support the city’s striking sanitation workers who were struggling to improve their working conditions.

In January 2007, Bronner will be the guest of honor in the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Parade, which is held in downtown San Diego and celebrates Dr. King’s legacy and San Diego’s cultural diversity.

The City of San Diego Environmental Services Department is charged with refuse collection and disposal, recycling and environmentally sound landfill management to meet the City’s long-term disposal needs. For more information on Environmental Services, visit <http://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/>.

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