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**ROSENDAHL RENAMES STREET AFTER HOWARD DROLLINGER**

*Community Leaders, Family Members, Honor Late Civic Leader*

**WESTCHESTER** - Councilmember Bill Rosendahl joined Westchester community leaders, members of the Flight Path Learning Center of Southern California, and family members of the late Howard Drollinger for a special ceremony to rename the stretch of 89<sup>th</sup> Street between Sepulveda Westway and Sepulveda Eastway, "Howard B. Drollinger Way."

Drollinger was a lifelong member of the Westchester Rotary Club, serving as the club's president for two years. Drollinger was also a former president of the Westchester/LAX Chamber of Commerce, served on the Flight Path advisory board since its inception in 1995, and was named Westchester's "Honorary Mayor" in 1978. Drollinger was a generous philanthropist and provided financial support to numerous local organizations, including the Westchester Family YMCA, Daniel Freeman Hospital, Union Rescue Mission, Loyola Marymount University, Alliance for a Regional Solution to Airport Congestion, and his alma-mater, University of Southern California.

"Howard was a giant in Westchester and Playa del Rey," Rosendahl said. "This is just one small way for the City and the community to keep alive the legacy of the man who put Westchester on the map."

Drollinger, a decorated World War II Army Air Corps pilot and father of two, was the president of the real estate brokerage firm, H.B. Drollinger Co., since it's founding in 1947, following the footsteps of his mother, Ella, who built the first commercial building in Westchester. Drollinger was widely credited for shaping the face of Westchester's central business district. He passed away in 2006.

"He was so proud of Westchester and loved showing it off to us," said Natalie Dial, Drollinger's

granddaughter.

Her brother, Terry Dial, agreed, saying, “He dedicated his life to making Westchester the beautiful district that it is.”

The effort to rename the street was spearheaded by Robert Acherman and the Flight Path Learning Center of Southern California. At Rosendahl’s urging, the Los Angeles City Council unanimously voted in February to rename the stretch of 89<sup>th</sup> Street.

“Howard was a pillar in our community,” said Robert Acherman from the Flight Path Learning Center of Southern California and emcee of the ceremony. “He was known by everybody, and he was a friend to everybody. He was Mr. Westchester.”

“It’s fitting that Howard Drollinger will have his legacy celebrated with a street right in the heart of the business district he helped create. His special relationship with Westchester will long be celebrated because he was the kind of businessman who did things right. He looked out for the community. He gave back to the community. He was part of the community,” Rosendahl added.

Drollinger was the father of two children, Jim and Karen, and raised them in Playa del Rey with Jewel, his wife of 47 years. He was also the grandfather of Terry and Natalie Dial.

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