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Councilman Zine Unveils Plaque to Honor Fallen SWAT Officer Randal Simmons at West Valley Park

(Los Angeles) – On Saturday, July 26th, Councilman Dennis P. Zine unveiled a plaque to honor the memory of fallen SWAT Officer Randal Simmons at the entrance to the children’s play area at West Valley Park in Reseda. The plaque is set in concrete at the entrance of the children’s play area in the park. Mayor Villaraigosa, LAPD Deputy Chief Michel Moore, West Valley Police Activity League Supporters (PALS) Board President Richard O’Linn, and the Simmons family were all in attendance.

Officer Simmons was killed during a standoff earlier this year in the community of Winnetka and since that tragic day, he has been recognized as a pillar of strength for his family, his church, his fellow officers, and the community. “I believe that a plaque placed at a children’s playground is the perfect way to honor all that Officer Simmons stood for,” said Councilman Dennis P. Zine. “The community should be inspired by Officer Simmons’ public service, his dedication to youth ministry, and his strength of character and I hope that this plaque will serve as a reminder for future generations that Randy’s qualities should be commemorated and emulated.”

The inscription on the plaque reads: “This Children’s Play Area was dedicated to Los Angeles Police Officer Randal D. Simmons on July 26th, 2008. Officer Simmons was a dedicated and exemplary SWAT officer who died protecting others in the line of duty on February 7th, 2008. A strong supporter of youth, Officer Simmons was a mentor to thousands of children in our city, a hero to fellow officers and a leading light to his friends and family. He will be sorely missed by all. May he rest in peace. Presented by West Valley PALS”

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