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Metro Choir Director Renee Willis and choir members are honored at the Los Angeles County Board of supervisors meeting today. "We appreciate the fact that you have this spirit and commitment to your community and bring joy to all of us," said County Supervisor Yvonne Burke. Photo by Bill Heard



LA County Board of Supervisors Pays Tribute to Metro Choir

- "Community service and commitment to make a 'joyful noise'"

By BILL HEARD, Editor

(May 23, 2006) The LA County Board of Supervisors paid tribute, Tuesday, to the Metro Choir for its "outstanding community service and commitment to make a 'joyful noise' within the community and workplace...to increase morale, harmony and productivity."

The Choir, led by Renee Willis, raised its voices to sing the National Anthem at the outset of the Board of Supervisor's meeting. Afterward, Supervisor Yvonne Burke presented certificates of commendation to each choir member.

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"We appreciate the fact that you have this spirit and commitment to your community and bring joy to all of us," said Burke.

"The (members of the choir) are just a small sampling of the employees of Metro," Willis said in thanking the Board. "We provide the best transportation service in LA County."

'A great honor'

Singing for the Board of Supervisors "was wonderful and a great honor," said Choir member DonCosta Seawell. "It was a privilege."

Willis said the Choir spent a month during their lunch periods practicing for Tuesday's event and for their appearance, last week, to sing the National Anthem before an LA Avengers game at Staples Center.

Photo by Reina Slutske



Singing the National Anthem in opening ceremonies of the LA Avenger game at the Staples Center, Metro Choir goes prime time at "Metro Night."

"The choir is fantastic," she said. "We care about one another and we care about doing a good job while we're at work."

Singing in the Choir, she said, "helps us get through our day in a positive manner and to be kind and compassionate to our fellow employees and want to make the workplace a better place to be."

