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FAMILY OF FATHER JOE CARROLL ENDORSES “CHAMPIONS OF SCOUTING: TRIBUTE TO FATHER JOE CARROLL” EVENT

SEPTEMBER 18 EVENT WILL ALSO RECOGNIZE DIANNE L. BASHOR AND DAVID MALCOLM – FEATURING BRIAN WILSON PERFORMING THE BEACH BOYS’ GREATEST HITS

SAN DIEGO – The Carroll Family and the Estate of Father Joe Carroll express their complete support for this year’s “Champions of Scouting Celebration” to be held on the Flight Deck of the USS Midway Museum on Saturday, September 18.

The recently announced event will honor three leaders in community service and supporters of the San Diego-Imperial Council of the Boy Scouts of America – Father Joe Carroll, Dianne L. Bashor and David Malcolm. It has been an annual event since 2009, except for 2020, which was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

With Father Joe’s recent passing, the event will center around a tribute to Father Joe’s life and his decades-long involvement with scouting.

“Father Joe agreed to be honored, after declining requests from other organizations for more than a decade. The Boy Scouts was special to him and he fully intended to be at the event,” said José F. González, Father Joe’s Executor and close friend. “As his health failed, he repeatedly and adamantly insisted the event go on as planned. This was literally one of his last wishes, so it goes without question that we will respect it.”

The event will feature a headline performance by Brian Wilson, co-founder of the Beach Boys, with special guests Al Jardine and Blondie Chaplin. In addition, it will celebrate the first-ever San Diego female Eagle Scouts, who all achieved their rank this year.

Throughout his career, Father Joe was an ardent supporter of the Boy Scouts and its life-enhancing opportunities. He himself was a Life Scout and served as the National Scout Chaplain originating and several times leading the All-Hands Mass at the National Jamboree with around 9,000 scouts in attendance. He served as the San Diego Scout Chaplain for more than 40 years.

“We hope that the community will join us in supporting this wonderful event and celebrating Father Joe’s legacy of improving lives and chances for success in all he did,” concluded Patrick Carroll, Father Joe’s nephew.

For more information, please go to www.championsofscouting.org.

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