

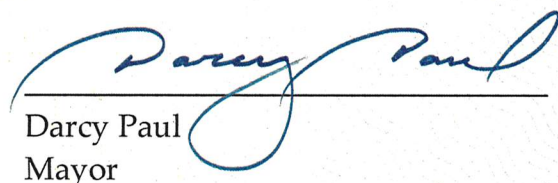
Proclamation

- WHEREAS, The City of Cupertino wishes to recognize those young men and women from the community who fought and risked their lives in the Persian Gulf conflict; and
- WHEREAS, Special acknowledgement should be given to those service people who showed outstanding valor in the face of extreme danger; and
- WHEREAS, Marine Corporal Paul Haayer, a gunner who operated a light armored vehicle (LAV) in the battle for Kuwait, is especially deserving of recognition for courageous efforts during the U.S. land war involvement; and
- WHEREAS, Paul was the first Marine LAV in Kuwait, doing advance reconnaissance ahead of the main strike force, and this put him in several life-threatening situations; and
- WHEREAS, During the course of the operation, he passed through minefields known as "The Gates of Hell," found his vehicle in the midst of an Iraqi bunker complex, traveled through thick, black smoke, and, when the air cleared, came face to face with two heavy armored tanks; and
- WHEREAS, Through all of this, he fought with a bravery and determination that allowed him to come through his ordeal with no physical injury and his composure and ingenuity under intense pressure subsequently served as an inspiration for those fighting with him.
- THEREFORE, I, Mayor Darcy Paul, and the Cupertino City Council do hereby re-issue this Proclamation of May 20th, 1991, and commend:

Marine Corporal Paul Haayer

for his outstanding service to his country and community and wish him continued good fortune and success in all future endeavors.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Cupertino to be affixed this Tuesday, February First, Two Thousand and Twenty Two.


Darcy Paul
Mayor