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GLENDALE'S LEADERS AND YOUNGEST RESIDENTS CELEBRATE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF 7-YEAR-OLD SWIMMER

WHO: Mayor Elaine Scruggs, City Manager Ed Beasley, representatives from Southwest Ambulance and members of the Glendale community will honor 7-year-old Glendale resident Braxton Bilbrey for his efforts to raise awareness about drowning prevention through his record breaking swim across the San Francisco Bay.

WHAT: In front of family, friends and Braxton's swim team, the city will present a special proclamation in celebration of this accomplishment. In Braxton's honor, Southwest Ambulance will also present a \$5,000 donation to the city of Glendale Parks and Recreation Department for free swim lessons for Glendale youth.

VISUALS: Swim instructors will be in the pool with students demonstrating swim techniques.

WHERE: Cactus High School Swimming Pool, 65th Ave and Greenway

WHEN: Thursday, June 1 at 9:30 a.m.

WHY: The Glendale Fire Department wants to remind people to always watch their kids around water. Barriers, swim lessons and constant supervision are critical in the prevention of child drownings. Glendale begins offering citywide swim lessons on June 5th.

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