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Dr. Abolghassem Ghaffari receives his proclamation from Beverly Hills Mayor Jimmy Delshad.

### **S.O. space scientist honored on 100th birthday**

Abolghassem Ghaffari, a prominent scientist and mathematician, was honored by Beverly Hills Mayor Jimmy Delshad on August 21 in recognition of his recent 100th birthday.

The Sherman Oaks resident was given a proclamation at Beverly Hills City Hall during a City Council meeting, and received a standing ovation from family and locals present.

Born in Tehran, Iran in June 1907, Ghaffari studied mathematics and physics in France, and later taught in Tehran and as a Fulbright Scholar at Harvard University.

In the late 1950s, Ghaffari worked for the U.S. National Bureau of Standards in the mathematics division before becoming NASA's first Iranian employee. During work for the manned space program, his research aided NASA's Apollo 11 and 12 missions.

Ghaffari also worked with Professor Albert Einstein at the Institute for Advanced Study, when J. Robert Oppenheimer served as director.

"It's a great accomplishment to be able to come from Iran and make the contributions he has made," Mayor Delshad said.