

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN AND FOR THE  
COUNTY OF MONTEREY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**Resolution No.** )  
Resolution Honoring the Life and )  
Career of Donald J. Jacop, Sr. )

**WHEREAS, Donald J. Jacop, Sr.**, a was born in Salinas on July 6, 1931. Don was the second of two sons of Fred and Alice Jacop, immigrants from Canton Ticino, Switzerland. Don graduated from Salinas High School in 1949; and

**WHEREAS, Donald J. Jacop, Sr.** started farming with the family after graduating high school. He worked with Jacop Brothers, farming lettuce and sugar beets in the Salinas Valley, and married Lorraine Lois Borba of Castroville in 1951; and

**WHEREAS, Donald J. Jacop, Sr.** attended U.C. Davis and graduated from the School of Agriculture in January 1953 and began his lifetime of dedicated service when he enrolled in the U.S. Army later that year. Don served stateside and was honorably discharged in April 1961, then rejoined the family farming operation, now Jacop Farms, with his brother Fred; and

**WHEREAS, Donald J. Jacop, Sr.**'s strong sense of service continued with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, where he was recognized for his outstanding service as Chairman of the ASC Committee from 1967-1973; and

**WHEREAS, Donald J. Jacop, Sr.**'s commitment to volunteerism was further extended beyond the local community to Dodge Ridge ski area, where he served on the ski patrol from 1973 to 1995. A long time National Ski Patrol System Winter Emergency Care Instructor, Don was an icon at Dodge Ridge Ski Report, and one of those keystone instructors that influenced generations of ski patrol candidates. Advanced from candidate to ski patroller in 1973, he was elected Patrol Director only two years later. Don was a true local leader who embodied all the characteristics that ultimately led to the NSPS being granted a National Charter by the United States Congress in 1980. His name will live on in perpetuity as the Don Jacop Award is annually granted to the Outstanding Dodge Ridge NSP Ski Patrol Candidate; and

**WHEREAS, Donald J. Jacop, Sr.** also served the Monterey County Chapter of the American Red Cross as an Advanced First Aid Instructor for more than decade; and

**WHEREAS, Donald J. Jacop, Sr.**'s commitment to service also included nearly forty years with the California Rodeo Salinas, including twenty-eight years as a Director from 1970-1998. He also dedicated nearly fifteen years of service to the California International Airshow Salinas on both the ground operations and security committees; and

**WHEREAS, Donald J. Jacop, Sr.** volunteered countless hours at Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital in the emergency Room and was nominated by the SVMH Service League for Volunteer of the Year in 1994. Don was a local member of the Knights of Columbus and a Lifetime Member of the Salinas Elks Club. He was also a proud member of the Downtown Rotary Club and was recognized with a Paul Harris Fellowship; and

**WHEREAS, Donald J. Jacop, Sr.** also enjoyed being a game official for high school and junior college sports including football, basketball, track and field events.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, does hereby honor the life and career of **Donald J. Jacop, Sr.** a remarkable man who exemplified the very best of the family and community service values.