

Monterey County Board of Supervisors

Resolution

Resolution No. 19-324

Resolution honoring George T. Riley)
for a lifetime of public service and activism)
to protect our environment for future generations.....)

WHEREAS, George T. Riley attended Allegheny College in Pennsylvania where he graduated in 1959 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology before embarking on a career in the United States Navy. Upon retiring from the Navy in 1962 as a commissioned officer, he earned his Master's Degree from the Wharton School of Business in Philadelphia, PA in 1964; and

WHEREAS, George T. Riley began his career in local government management before moving to California where he worked twenty-five years in the County of San Mateo as Executive Director of the Human Resources Commission, Executive Assistant to the County Manager, finally retiring after serving fifteen years as the Director of Housing and Community Services; and

WHEREAS, George T. Riley retired to Monterey in 1997 where he began his second "career" as a community activist, founding Citizens for Public Water in 2005, then later in 2013, co-founding Public Water Now, and a co-leading 2014's unsuccessful Measure O campaign. Ever the optimist, George T. Riley persevered to lead the 2018 Measure J campaign to success ultimately directing the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District to complete a feasibility study on a public buyout of California American Water's Monterey System; and

WHEREAS, George T. Riley was an intervenor with the California Public Utilities Commission from 2009-2018 and was also a member of the Monterey Peninsula Regional Water Authority's Technical Advisory Committee from 2013 through 2017; and

WHEREAS, George T. Riley serves on California State University, Monterey Bay's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Program Committee, the Board of Directors for the League of Women Voters in Monterey County, and actively volunteers his time for the Progressive Democrats for America, the Peace Coalition, the Green Party, and Veterans for Peace; and

WHEREAS, George T. Riley was elected in 2018 to the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District where he serves as Chair of the Administrative Committee, on the Water Supply Planning Committee, the Seaside Groundwater Basin Watermaster Board, and alternate on the Monterey County Special Districts' Association; and

WHEREAS, Since 1986 George T. Riley has written a financial and special interest analysis of state ballot propositions, a progressive viewpoint on propositions, that is circulated widely by friends and colleagues across the state; and

WHEREAS, George T. Riley raised two children, Rachel and Jon, with his wife Judy Riley, a professional artist and potter, who passed away in 2015; and

WHEREAS, George T. Riley is the 2019 recipient of the Democratic Women of Monterey County's Sustainability Award for the critical role he plays in this nation's democratic process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby acknowledge George T. Riley for his lifetime of public service and activism to protect our environment for future generations.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 1st day of October, 2019.



Supervisor John M. Phillips, Chair

Supervisor Chris Lopez, Vice Chair

Supervisor Luis A. Aléj

Supervisor Jane Parker

Supervisor Mary L. Adams