

Adopt Resolution honoring Mr. Steven Jon Soper                    )  
upon his retirement after 44 years of  
distinguished service to The Palma School                                    )

**WHEREAS**, Palma School was founded in 1951 in the tradition of the Christian Brothers of Ireland as a private, Catholic, college preparatory, high school in the Salinas Valley; and,

**WHEREAS**, Palma School has a long history of educating young men spiritually, intellectually, morally, physically and socially according to the teachings of the founder of the Christian Brothers of Ireland, Blessed Edmund Rice; and,

**WHEREAS**, Palma School is recognized locally and statewide as an outstanding educational institution that encourages each student to deepen his faith and give of himself to others, offers academic opportunities at the highest standards, provides guidance for the ethical development of its young men, offers challenges in various competitive sports programs that have earned over one-hundred varsity-level league, section and state championships in the last forty-four years, and encourages camaraderie among students that often develops into life-long friendships; and,

**WHEREAS**, *Mr. Steven Jon Soper* completed courses at Chapman College, University of Phoenix, Azusa Pacific College, California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo and Cabrillo College; and, he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree majoring in Physical Education with a minor in Biological Sciences from Sacramento State College; and, he was conferred with a California Lifetime Teaching Credential in 1976; and,

**WHEREAS**, *Mr. Steven Jon Soper* was an integral part of the success of Palma School for forty-four years by serving as an administrator, Assistant Principal, athletic trainer, baseball coach, bus driver, Dean of Students and instructor of physical education, health & fitness and driver's education; and,

**WHEREAS**, *Mr. Steven Jon Soper* spent many hours in the performance of his duties including addressing students and parents on the school dress code, transporting student athletes over 100,000 miles to and from sporting events, supervising over 2,500 hours of student detentions, attending 700 hours of parent-teacher conferences, disciplinary boards and hearings and recording absences, tardies and attendance for an estimated 4,500 students during his forty-four year tenure; and,

**WHEREAS**, *Mr. Steven Jon Soper* and his wife, Cheryl, are proud parents of their own adult children, Jill and Ricky; and, they are residents of North Monterey County where they plan to live on their ranch nestled in the Gabilan Hills overlooking the Salinas Valley and the families of the many who pass through the halls of Palma School.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County of Monterey, Board of Supervisors on behalf of the County and all its citizens thereof especially those who have children and those who have dedicated their lives to teaching children join together, as *Mr. Steven Jon Soper* leaves behind the sound of the pipes and drums of Palma School, in wishing him that *May love and laughter light your days, and warm your heart and home; may good and faithful friends be yours, wherever you may roam; may peace and plenty bless your world with joy that long endures; may all life's passing seasons bring the best to you and yours.*