

*Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California*

Resolution No:

Resolution Honoring Congressman Jimmy Panetta Upon His Selection as the 2022 Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Ruth Vreeland Memorial Public Official of the Year.

WHEREAS, Since 1963, the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce (MPCC) has awarded distinguished members of our community—who have embodied an overall love of the Monterey Peninsula community, who have had a positive impact on the business community, and who have demonstrated community leadership to the citizens of the Monterey Peninsula—with Ruth Vreeland Memorial Public Official of the Year, recognizing their good works and accomplishments that have enriched the Peninsula’s quality of life; and

WHEREAS, **Congressman Jimmy Panetta** proudly serves California’s 19th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. He currently serves the House Committee on Ways and Means, House Committee on Armed Services, and House Committee on the Budget. He also serves as a Chief Deputy Whip in the 118th Congress; and

WHEREAS, Having grown up at the Central Coast of California, **Congressman Jimmy Panetta** understands the importance of giving back to the community and country that gave his Italian immigrant grandparents, his family, and him so much opportunity. He was instilled with a sense of public service and its importance to our communities and democracy and his work is reflective of the values of the people who entrusted him to be their voice in our nation’s capital; and

WHEREAS, During his time in Congress, he has fought for affordable housing, immigration reform, the continued protection of our pristine coastline and environment, accessible health care, our agriculture industry and its farmers and farmworkers, the reduction of gun violence, a fairer tax code, major infrastructure investment, sustainable conservation practices, our military installations that are an integral part in our community and our country’s security, and the deserved and promised benefits to our veterans; and

WHEREAS, Through policy implementation in Congress and service to its constituents, Congressman Panetta remains committed to being the bridge for the people of California’s 19th Congressional District to the federal government and its resources; and

WHEAREAS, During the COVID-19 pandemic, he secured \$1.4 billion in relief for communities and families in California’s 19th Congressional District and ensured relief was available for schools, local small businesses, as well as farmers and farmworkers. He has passed into law legislation to promote clean energy, protect California’s forests and pollinators, support frontline health care workers, tackle hunger among military families, and provide legal services to homeless veterans and veterans at risk of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Prior to Congress, **Congressman Jimmy Panetta** served his community as a prosecutor in Monterey and Alameda Counties and served our country as an Intelligence Officer in the U.S. Navy Reserve. In 2007, Congressman Panetta volunteered for active duty and was deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and was awarded the Bronze

Star for meritorious service. Upon returning home, he served as a board member of the Veterans Transition Center, helped open Monterey County's first Veterans Treatment Court, and worked to establish the Central Coast Veterans Cemetery on the former Fort Ord; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Jimmy Panetta attended local public schools and Monterey Peninsula Community College. He graduated from the University of California, Davis with an undergraduate degree in International Relations and earned his law degree from Santa Clara University. His wife, Carrie Panetta, is a Superior Court judge in Monterey County, and they have two daughters who are being educated at the same local public schools attended by **Congressman Jimmy Panetta**.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all its residents thereof, hereby congratulates **Congressman Jimmy Panetta** upon his selection as the **2022 Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Ruth Vreeland Memorial Public Official of the Year**.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2023, by the following votes, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book___ for the meeting on _____.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California

By _____
, Deputy