

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

Resolution No.

Adopt Resolution posthumously honoring **William H. Barker** as a recipient of ()
the National Steinbeck Center's 2016 Valley of the World Ag Leader Award.....)

WHEREAS, the Valley of the World Ag Leader Award was established to honor individuals who have performed outstanding personal, professional and civic achievements in our community and the agriculture industry; and

WHEREAS, a sixth generation Monterey County native and local cattle rancher whose heritage dates to the days of the Spanish land grants, **William H. Barker** was a lifelong spokesman and champion for agriculture; and

WHEREAS, **William H. Barker** was a veteran of the United States Army and served in the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, **William H. Barker** was appointed to the Monterey County Fair 7th District Agricultural Association for 3 terms serving as president in 1983 and was a member of the Salinas Area Chamber of Commerce serving as president in 1981; and

WHEREAS, **William H. Barker** held office and participated in numerous service clubs and community organizations including, local community, county and state level 4-H programs from 1948 to 1982, the state 4-H Review Committee as president of the 4-H Leaders Council from 1976 to 1980, American Hereford Association, American Suffolk Association, Corral de Tierra Grange – 50 year member & past master, Corral de Tierra Landowners Association, FFA – Salinas High School Agricultural Advisory Committee member, United Way of the Salinas Valley – Board Member (1975 – 1980), Monterey Bay Flower Growers, Monterey County Cattlemen's Association – past Vice President and Director, Monterey County History & Art Association, Monterey County Rural Sheriff's Department Rural Safety Program; and

WHEREAS, **William H. Barker's** distinguished awards and honors include, Salinas Valley Chapter of California Women for Agriculture Award of Merit (1981), Salinas Area Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year (1987), California Farm Bureau Distinguished Service Award (1999); and

WHEREAS, in addition **William H. Barker** served as manager of the Monterey County Farm Bureau for 43 years, Founder & Chair of the Coalition of Labor, Ag and Business – COLAB (1983), Monterey Coast Resource Conservation District (appointed), Monterey County General Plan Update Committee (appointed), Monterey County Methyl Bromide & Pesticide Review Committee (appointed), served on numerous Monterey County advisory committees and Monterey County Agriculture Education (1985 to 1998) as a founding member that helped initiate the "Ag in the Classroom" program; and

WHEREAS, upon his passing in 1999, **William H. Barker** was fondly remembered for his far-reaching efforts to be an advocate for agriculture, while mentoring three generations of leaders, he strove to be a good steward of the land and continually put aside his private concerns for the betterment of the valley; and

WHEREAS, **William H. Barker** was supported in his many endeavors by his wife Norma and his children, William, Thomas, Susan and Carole.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors and all citizens thereof hereby honors the life of **William H. Barker** and honors him as a recipient of the National Steinbeck Center's 2016 Valley of the World Ag Leader Award.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this _____ day of _____, 2016 by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

I, Gail T. Borkowski, 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 Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book _____, for the meeting on _____.

Dated:

Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California.

By _____
Deputy