

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

Resolution No:

Resolution honoring **Bill Ramsey** upon his selection as the _____)
recipient of the **2017 Valley of the World Hall of Fame Award**.....)

WHEREAS, born in Salinas in 1932 and raised in the Alisal District, **Bill Ramsey** was the tenth of eleven children born to parents who moved from Littlefield, Texas during the Great Depression; and

WHEREAS, in 1951 **Bill Ramsey** joined the U.S. Navy and married his Salinas High School sweetheart, Marlene Sbrana, and spent four years living in the South before being honorably discharged in 1955, and returning to Salinas to work for H.W. Mann; and

WHEREAS, **Bill Ramsey** has been actively involved in his community, having served as President of the Salinas City School Board, President of the Grower Shipper Association of Central CA (1976), Chairman of the Board of Western Growers Association of California and Arizona (1994), Governor's Appointee to the CA Department of Food and Agriculture Board (1995); and

WHEREAS, **Bill Ramsey** twice testified before a U.S. Congressional sub-committee in Washington D.C. regarding the agricultural problems of the 1990's, including the North American Free Trade Agreement and the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act; and

WHEREAS, **Bill Ramsey** has been recognized for his community involvement on numerous occasions, including being the Salinas Jr. Chamber of Commerce's 1967 "Young Man of the Year," and receiving the 1996 "Agriculture Leadership Award" from the Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce and "Distinguished Service Award" by the CA Women for Agriculture, and receiving the "Award of Honor" from the Western Growers Association in 1999, and, in 2010, the Grower Shipper Association of Central CA "E.E. Harden Lifetime Achievement Award"; and

WHEREAS, **Bill Ramsey** believes his successes would not have been possible without the people of Salinas, with some of his fondest memories made while serving as a director of the CA Rodeo for fifteen years, as well as serving on the boards of the Community Foundation for Monterey County and the National Steinbeck Center; and

WHEREAS, **Bill Ramsey** served on the Hartnell Foundation Board, holding the office of President, was privileged to receive an Honorary Degree in 1994, and in 2016, was inducted into the "Hartnell College Athletics Hall of Fame" as a volunteer and supporter; and

WHEREAS, **Bill Ramsey** has been a dedicated long distance runner, recording over 18,000 miles over twenty-five years, completed six marathons, including Boston in 1992, and while traveling to Japan and China, on behalf of the Western Growers Association, he took a short run on the Great Wall of China; and

WHEREAS, **Bill** takes great pride in watching Mann Packing grow, his community flourish, and his family blossom and become part of the agricultural history of the Salinas Valley;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all its citizens thereof, hereby congratulates **Bill Ramsey** upon his selection as recipient of the **2017 Valley of the World Hall of Fame Award**.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2017, 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 of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book _____ for the meeting on _____, 2017.

Dated:

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

By _____
Deputy