

Monterey County Board of Supervisors

Resolution

Resolution No: 19-288

Resolution honoring Chris Shake )
as a recipient of the 2019 NAACP Tolly )
and Cleo Martin Spirit of Partnership Award.....)

WHEREAS, Chris Shake is being honored by the Monterey County Branch of the NAACP with the Tolly and Cleo Martin Spirit of Partnership Award at the 2019 Annual Life Membership Gala; and

WHEREAS, Chris Shake was born and raised in Monterey, California, the son of Isabella Shake and the late Sabu Shake, Sr. whose words of wisdom "We make a living by what we get, we make a life of what we give" have guided him; and

WHEREAS, Chris Shake, a lifelong Monterey Restaurateur and Philanthropist began working at age thirteen in the family business known as the Old Fisherman's Grotto Restaurant where he trained in all aspects of the restaurant industry, starting as a dishwasher, cook, chef, server, bartender, manager, financial controller, president and now CEO; and

WHEREAS, Chris Shake serves as a volunteer and host for many local fundraisers and charitable events, including fundraisers benefitting The Salvation Army of the Monterey Peninsula raising over \$4,000,000 to date. He has always supported school athletics, music, art and technology programs by donating food and items to their various fundraisers; and

WHEREAS, Chris Shake has served on the Board of Directors of the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, as President of the Monterey County Restaurant Association, Director of the California State Restaurant Association, as President of the Fisherman's Wharf Association, and Chairman of Monterey's prestigious La Merienda's BBQ committee; and

WHEREAS, Chris Shake was inducted into the California Restaurant Association Hall of Fame in 2004, received "The Others Award" from The Salvation Army Monterey Peninsula Corps - the highest national award given to a person from their organization, in 2012 was inducted into the Cooking for Solutions "Seafood Heroes" by the Monterey Bay Aquarium, was selected Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce 2014 Citizen of the Year, and most recently awarded Hospitality Person of the Year by the Monterey County Hospitality Association; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Chris Shake, Old Fisherman's Grotto has won numerous awards, including the Junior Achievements 2015 Monterey Bay Business Hall of Fame, the "Five Diamond" Best of the Best ranking from The American Academy of Restaurants and Hospitality, Outstanding Philanthropic Corporation, Business Excellence Award, Seafood Ambassador Award, and Top 10 Seafood Restaurants in the USA. In addition, Old Fisherman's Grotto was selected as "Best Clam Chowder" for the past thirteen years in a row, was awarded the American Culinary Federation Achievement of Excellence Award 2014 and has a AAA 3 Diamond Rating.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all citizens thereof, honors Chris Shake on his accomplishments, recognizing his significant contributions, and wishes him much success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 10th day of September, 2019.



Supervisor John M. Phillips, Chair
Supervisor Chris Lopez, Vice Chair
Supervisor Luis A. Alejo
Supervisor Jane Parker
Supervisor Mary L. Adams