



## Monterey County Board of Supervisors

### Board Order

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A motion was made by Supervisor Chris Lopez, seconded by Supervisor John M. Phillips to:

**Resolution No.: 20-198**

Adopt Resolution honoring Henry Ernest Corda for his 100th birthday and service to our country and community. (Full Board - Supervisor Lopez)

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020, by roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors Alejo, Phillips, Lopez, Parker and Adams

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

(Government Code 54953)

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 82 for the meeting June 16, 2020.

Dated: June 16, 2020

File ID: CR 20-052

Agenda Item No.: 3

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

Joel G. Pablo, Deputy

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

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100<sup>th</sup> birthday and service to our country and community.....)

**WHEREAS, Henry Ernest Corda** was born on June 21, 1920 in Gonzales, California and was the third of three children born to Angelo and Rumilda Corda; and

**WHEREAS,** with the exception of his military service, **Henry Ernest Corda** has spent his entire lifetime in his hometown of Gonzales; and

**WHEREAS,** as a young man, **Henry Ernest Corda** attended elementary and high school in Gonzales, loved participating in all sports, including football, basketball, baseball and track; and

**WHEREAS,** many years after his exploits on the gridiron, court and athletic fields, **Henry Ernest Corda** was inducted into the inaugural class of the Gonzales High School Sports Hall of Fame; and

**WHEREAS,** shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor, **Henry Ernest Corda** volunteered for military service and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and was a proud member of the 5<sup>th</sup> Division, 27<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Corps; and

**WHEREAS,** on February 19, 1945, **Henry Ernest Corda** was a gunner on an amphibious landing vehicle that was part of the first wave of attack on the island of Iwo Jima, his craft was hit by enemy fire, and severely damaged before reaching shore; and

**WHEREAS,** the transport vehicle was so incapacitated that it could not return to the U.S. ships to pick up much-needed reinforcements to assist in the attack, despite almost insurmountable odds, **Henry Ernest Corda** was able to make it to the beach safely, spent the next few weeks in combat with his fellow troops on Iwo Jima as part of this historic, and ultimately successful, military effort.

**WHEREAS, Henry Ernest Corda** is one of the few survivors of this epic battle that are still with us today; and

**WHEREAS,** after serving his country in World War II, **Henry Ernest Corda** returned to his hometown of Gonzales, and in 1948, married the love of his life, Lucille Pura, and were married for fifty-seven years, raised four children, their daughter Val and son's John, Butch and Chris, and the family today includes seven grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS, Henry Ernest Corda** was a mechanic and bus driver for Gonzales High School but his true passion was farming, and for almost forty years, he managed the family farm on Corda Road just outside the city limits of Gonzales, and the Corda Ranch grew a variety of vegetables and for many years was an integral part of the region's vibrant agricultural industry and heritage; and

**WHEREAS, Henry Ernest Corda** was also very active in supporting his hometown of Gonzales where he coached both Little League and Babe Ruth baseball for many years, was an active and longtime member of the Gonzales Booster Club which raised thousands of dollars to support youth sports for both boys and girls, and was a loyal and enthusiastic supporter of the Gonzales Booster Club basketball tournament which, for many years, drew teams from all over California to compete.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all its residents thereof, hereby honors **Henry Ernest Corda** for his extraordinary service to his country, community, friends, and family, and is truly a part of our nation's *greatest generation* to whom we all owe so much.

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