

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

**Resolution No.**

Adopt Resolution commending **James Black** as the recipient )  
of the Monterey County Branch of the National Association )  
for the Advancement of Colored People’s (NAACP) President’s Award... )

**WHEREAS, James Black**, born in Ashville, North Carolina, became aware of social injustice while growing up in segregated Ashville in the 1940s and 1950s; and

**WHEREAS, James Black** after graduation from Stephens Lee High School, attended North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in Greensboro, North Carolina from 1957 to 1961 on a football scholarship; and

**WHEREAS, James Black** in 1960 participated in demonstrations at the Greensboro Sit-ins, a series of nonviolent protests. Four college freshmen requested service at the segregated lunch counter of F. W. Woolworth in downtown Greensboro. The Greensboro Four (Ezell Blair, Franklin McCain, Joseph McNeil and the late David Richmond, Jr.) led college students to the “five and dime” store and took a stand for justice by sitting down at the lunch counter, then refusing to leave until they were served. Their bold move initiated a wave of similar sit-ins by college students across the south. The store chain reversed its policy of racial segregation in the southern United States. Other agents for justice among James’ peers included teammate Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr., who continues his involvement in the struggle for civil rights; and

**WHEREAS, James Black** graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, retiring in 1986 as a Lieutenant Colonel; and

**WHEREAS, James Black** held military duties which included Alaska; Fort Campbell, Kentucky; and Fort Benning, Georgia, as a student and infantry instructor; and

**WHEREAS, James Black** served two tours in Vietnam as a Ranger Advisor; and

**WHEREAS, James Black** in 1973 while assigned in Germany, served as a personal advisor to the Division Commanding General on Race Relations and Equal Opportunity. As a result of troop dissatisfaction, racial tension was at an all-time high. James designed and implemented race relations training programs, investigated complaints, and developed and monitored the Command Race Relations Affirmative Action programs; and

**WHEREAS, James Black** served as Recreation Service Officer at Fort Ord, California in 1976; and

**WHEREAS, James Black** has received awards and decorations including the Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal, The Army Commendation Medal,

Vietnam Service Medal, Armed Forces Honor Medal (Republic of Vietnam), Combat Infantry Badge, Parachutist Badge, and Ranger Tab; and

**WHEREAS, James Black** in the 1990s became aware of and concerned with the high number of Black men going to prison. He sought a position as a teacher and Recreational/Physical Education Supervisor at Soledad Correctional Training Facility where he worked for 15 years. While there he implemented athletic and sports programs designed to rehabilitate those who were incarcerated; and

**WHEREAS, James Black** served as treasurer for the Kappa Alpha Lambda Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity from 2000 to 2014. Since 2010 he has served as treasurer for the Monterey County Branch of the NAACP. In 2012 James received the Pauline Jones Award for Treasurer of the Year at the 25<sup>th</sup> California-Hawaii State NAACP Convention.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize and commend **James Black** as the 2015 recipient of the Monterey County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's President's Award.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2015, upon motion of Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_, 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 resolution of said Board of 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