

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

Resolution No.

Adopt Resolution honoring **Don Hart and Jack Hart**
as recipients of the National Steinbeck Center's
2014 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, Jack Hart after being discharged from the United States Army Air Corps in 1946, moved to Salinas and married Elise Rosendale. Jack started Royal Packing Company with Ted Nelson in 1948; and

WHEREAS, Don Hart after being discharged from the United States Army 11th Airborne in 1947, met his wife Barbara Hoover in the Arroyo Seca area. In 1950, he became a partner at Royal Packing Company with his brother Jack; and

WHEREAS, Royal Packing's business was packing dry head lettuce in the fields in wooden crates and shipping to local markets in California. At the time, there were only six companies in Monterey and San Benito Counties that packed and shipped dry packed head lettuce; and

WHEREAS, in 1951 vacuum cooling and the fiberboard carton changed Royal Packing forever. They had the labor and the field packing experience to become one of the top shippers in the lettuce industry; and

WHEREAS, from 1951 to 1991 Royal Packing Company's King Size label became a quality pack, sharing the top label on the terminal markets; and

WHEREAS, Jack Hart managed the office, banking, account receivables and marketing at Royal Packing Company; and

WHEREAS, Don Hart managed the leases of farm land, labor, growing, packing transportation, and shops at Royal Packing Company; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, David, Don Hart's son, became partner in the business and made sure the tradition was carried on; and

WHEREAS, Jack Hart has been the Chairman of the Western Growers Association and served as a board member for many years. He has also been a member of Corral de Tierra Country Club and the Salinas Elks Lodge; and

WHEREAS, Don Hart served as President of the Central Arizona Grower Shipper Association in 1966 and 1967, was Chairman of the Salinas Grower Shipper Association in 1977 and served on the Grower Shipper Board for 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Jack and Don Hart sold Royal Packing Company to Dole Foods in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Jack and Don Hart, a successful and hardworking team, made Royal Packing Company a successful and prosperous business.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors and all citizens thereof hereby congratulates **Jack and Don Hart** as recipients of the National Steinbeck Center's 2014 Valley of the World Ag Leader Award and wishes them continued peace and happiness in all their future endeavors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this _____ day of _____, 2014 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:

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

By _____
Deputy