

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

**Resolution No. 13-177**

Resolution Honoring **Andrew “Andy” A. D’Arrigo**

upon his selection as this year’s recipient of the **Grower-Shipper Association’s** )  
**E.E. “Gene” Harden Award for Lifetime Achievement in Central Coast Agriculture.....)**

**WHEREAS**, in 1904, Andrea D’Arrigo emigrated from his homeland of Sicily, through Ellis Island in New York City and finally on to Boston, his new home, he took with him only the dream of making a life in America, he was sixteen years old and spoke no English and In 1911, his younger brother Stefano followed in his older brother’s footsteps and soon joined him in Boston, the two D’Arrigo brothers assimilated as best they could into their new country, and built D’Arrigo Brothers Company from scratch; and

**WHEREAS**, **Andrew “Andy” A. D’Arrigo** was born to Stefano and Concetta in Stockton, California in 1924, and in 1926, Stefano decided to use the photograph of his young son Andy and created the pink *Andy Boy* label which is still used today, and is one of the most recognized symbols of quality and value; and

**WHEREAS**, **Andrew “Andy” A. D’Arrigo** at the age of twenty three years Andy married his wife Phyllis, they have been married for 64 years and have six children; and

**WHEREAS**, **Andrew “Andy” A. D’Arrigo** took over West Coast operations for D’Arrigo Bros. Co. when his father, Stefano D’Arrigo, died in 1951 at age 57, and was two years out of college, he had grown up working in fields in summer or tagging along as far as Idaho on produce buying trips;

**WHEREAS**, **Andrew “Andy” A. D’Arrigo** by stocking ethnic specialties in early supermarkets, conquered suburbia, his greatest accomplishment was introducing broccoli rabe in 1964, while visiting Sicily, he gathered seeds from wild mustard plants growing along the cliffs of Messina, crossed them with California turnip broccoli, patented the hybrid, and copyrighted the name; and

**WHEREAS**, **Andrew “Andy” A. D’Arrigo** led his company through the turbulent labor negotiations of the 1970’s and the wild double digit borrowing costs and expanded its growing and harvesting operations, the company has grown from farming its first 28 acres in San Jose to over 35,000 acres in two states growing, harvesting, shipping and selling a variety of lettuces, broccoli, cauliflower, specialty vegetables, broccoli rabe and weet anise, cactus pears, and grapes; and

**WHEREAS**, **Andrew “Andy” A.** and the D’Arrigo Family made a generous donation that will be used to build out existing clinic and hospital shell space to meet the community’s growing healthcare needs at Natividad Medical Center in Salinas, California, The D’Arrigo Family Specialty Clinics will provide specialized care, beyond the scope of Family Medicine, for more than 18,000 babies, children, women and families each year; and

**WHEREAS**, **Andrew “Andy” A.** enjoys getting away to fish for steelhead and salmon and occasionally hunts ducks, but remains in love with produce, he is the patriarch of one of the families that put down roots in the dark, rich Salinas soil and nurtured into being a successful family produce company.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of **the County and all citizens thereof, congratulates Andrew “Andy” A. D’Arrigo upon his selection as the Grower-Shipper Association’s E.E. “Gene” Harden Award for Lifetime Achievement in Central Coast Agriculture** and wishes him continued success in all of his future endeavors.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this 18th day of June, 2013, upon motion of Supervisor Salinas, seconded by Supervisor Potter, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES: Supervisor Armenta, Calcagno, Salinas, Parker, Potter  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

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 76 for the meeting on June 18, 2013.

Dated: June 18, 2013  
File ID CR 13-067

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

By   
, Deputy