

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt Resolution Recognizing **Judge Richard Silver** for His Dedicated Service to the Legal Community in the County of Monterey and Beyond.

WHEREAS, Judge Richard Silver was appointed by Governor Jerry Brown to the Monterey County Superior Court in May 1977. He was 35 years old at the time of his appointment and the youngest Superior Court Judge in the State. Prior to his appointment he graduated from University of California, Berkeley in 1963 with a Bachelor of Art degree in Political Science and from Boalt School of Law in 1966 with a bachelor of laws; and

WHEREAS, Judge Richard Silver in the summer of 1965, after the assassination of President Kennedy, was appointed as a legal intern with the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department, Appellate and Research Section in Washington D.C. He assisted in the preparation of the government's briefs in the Virginia Poll Tax Case and School Desegregation Cases; and

WHEREAS, Judge Richard Silver while an undergraduate completed four years Reserve Officer's Training Corps and, on graduation, was commissioned in the United States Army Transportation Corps and deferred while attending law school. He was admitted to the California Bar in 1967 while serving in the Army and commanding a boat company at Fort Storey, Virginia. While on active duty, was promoted to Captain, and served in the Republic of Vietnam from August 1967 to August 1968. He was awarded the Bronze Star for Meritorious Service in a Combat Zone from the United States Government and the Civic Action Medal, First Degree, from the Republic of Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, Judge Richard Silver in August 1968 joined the firm of Francis Heisler where he remained until his appointment to the Superior Court in 1977. While on the Superior Court Judge Silver presided over the United Farm Worker labor strike in 1980 and fashioned the first injunction using the "access rule". In 1977 **Judge Richard Silver** issued an order protecting the free speech rights of inmates in prison newspapers except as to issues of prison security. In 1986 he issued a temporary restraining order requiring the Salinas High School District to recognize the rights of two women students to attend the prom together. It was one of the first orders recognizing the rights of women students. In the area of environmental litigation Judge Silver decided the case involving significant issues of "base line" definition and the propriety of "water transfers" and litigation involving the recent issue of attorney "ghost writing" of county environmental documents; and

WHEREAS, Judge Richard Silver while on the Superior Court was the Presiding Judge in 1980 and 1986, Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court in 1979, and the Civil Supervising Judge for several years. He has been active in judicial teaching in the United States and was one of three judges chosen by the National Judicial College in the mid-1990's instructing Russian Judges in the newly created civil courts. He was also selected by "Good Morning America" to be the judicial representative in a special on "Divorce in America". In 1979 President Carter presented him with a Certificate of Achievement for "outstanding community achievement of a Vietnam era veteran. **Judge Richard Silver** was one of four judges selected to participate in a

program titled “Managing Trials Effectively” that was presented to over 1500 Trial Judges in California and around the United States; and

WHEREAS, Judge Richard Silver has participated in the publication of several judicial articles. **Judge Richard Silver** sat on the Court of Appeal by Special Assignment from November 1988 to March of 1989; and was Chairperson, Civil Law and Procedure Committee of the California Judges Association from 1998 to 1999. He was a co-founder and later served as Board Member and Chairperson of the Board of the Monterey College of Law for over eight years. He was later presented with an Honorary Doctorate Degree and designated as Board Member Emeritus. He served as a Panel Member on the Monterey College of Law, Heisler Moot Court Program for over 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Judge Richard Silver after a quarter of a century on the Superior Court retired in July 2002. He has continued his legal work as a mediator and arbitrator with Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services for the past 20 years and was designated one of the top 50 mediators in California by the Daily Journal. **Judge Richard Silver** has received many Certificates of Achievement, Appreciation, and Commendation over his many years on and off the Bench including those mentioned above and Certificates of Commendation from the State Bar for his contribution to Continuing Education Programs over many years, a Letter of Recognition from Chief Justice Malcolm Lucas, for service as Chairperson of the Judicial Council Advisory Committee for Family Court Services, and the Monterey County Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union “Ralph Atkinson Award” recognizing **Judge Richard Silver’s** lifelong dedication and contribution to the cause of Civil Liberties.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, hereby acknowledge, commends, and thanks **Judge Richard Silver** for his contributions to the Monterey County and greater Central Coast legal community and wishes him much happiness and success.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2023, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

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 _____ for the meeting on _____, 2023.

Dated:

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

By _____

Deputy