Monterey County Board of Supervisors

Resolution

Resolution No.: 20-320	
Resolution honoring Cynthia Campos as a Monterey County and Veterans	
Affairs Advisory Commission's Veteran of the Year for 2020	

WHEREAS, each year the County of Monterey and the Monterey County Veterans Services Advisory Commission honors those who have made a significant contribution to their communities, are strong motivators, have demonstrated extraordinary professional competence and are role models for veterans and the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Monterey County Military and Veterans Services Advisory Commission is honored to recognize Cynthia Campos as a 2020 *Veteran of the Year;* and

WHEREAS, Cynthia Campos served in the United States Army from July 24, 1986 to September 25, 1994; and

WHEREAS, in May of 2012, Cynthia Campos saw a television advertisement asking for volunteer drivers to take Monterey County veterans to their VA medical appointments in Palo Alto. She immediately volunteered. When asked about her decision to volunteer she stated, "If you see someone that really needs you, you just go ahead and help"---a promise to veterans that Cynthia has been keeping for over 14 years; and

WHEREAS, Cynthia Campos continued as a volunteer van driver until the COVID-19 pandemic forced the program to be suspended. Cynthia had the honor of making the very last van run to Palo Alto on Friday, March 13th as the crisis was peaking and she continued volunteering despite the increased risk to her personal health; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 alone, Cynthia Campos made the run two to three times each month, getting up at 5:00 a.m. to drive from Monterey, to Sand City, to Marina, to Salinas, to Palo Alto and back to Monterey. She drove 28 days that year, driving 5,450 miles and taking 72 elderly and disabled veterans to receive the care they could not have had without her.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all citizens thereof, honors **Cynthia Campos** as a 2020 Monterey County Military and Veterans Affairs Advisory Commission *Veteran of the Year* and wishes her continued success, peace and happiness in all of his future endeavors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 13th day of October 2020.

Supervisor Chris Lopez, Chair

Supervisor Jane Parker, Vice Chair

Supervisor Luis A. Alejo

Supervisor John M. Phillips

Supervisor Mary L. Adams