

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

Resolution No.

Adopt Resolution Honoring **Congressman Sam Farr**)
upon his Retirement from Public Service.....)

Whereas, Congressman Sam Farr is a native son of the Central Coast and long-time resident of Carmel; and

Whereas, Congressman Farr began his public service as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Columbia in 1964, and he continues to be an effective ambassador for the program and role model for young people seeking to bring peace, hope, and compassion to other countries and cultures; and

Whereas, Congressman Farr launched his career in elected office in 1976 as a member of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, and in his heart, he will always be a member of the Board of Supervisors, starting a career that has spanned over forty years and includes service in the California State Legislature and the United States Congress; and

Whereas, throughout his career in public service, **Congressman Farr** has supported and fought for programs, policies, and funding that improves the lives of all residents of Monterey County, including farmworkers, veterans, military personnel, seniors, public employees, immigrants, the homeless, and our wild and domestic animal friends; as well as championing community safety through gang violence suppression, intervention, and prevention efforts; and

Whereas, Congressman Farr has been at the forefront of supporting and strengthening the military presence on the Central Coast by forging relationships between diverse national security related entities known as “Team Monterey,” by establishing a new VA/DOD health clinic on the former Fort Ord, by establishing a Central Coast Veterans Cemetery, and by championing the redevelopment of the former Fort Ord; and

Whereas, Congressman Farr has been a national leader in efforts to protect our climate and natural environment, including his support for policies to prevent global warming and carbon pollution, his founding of the House Oceans Caucus to call attention to the importance of protecting our ocean resources, and his tireless support for land conservation initiatives, such as Pinnacles National Park, the Fort Ord National Monument, and the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Network; and

Whereas, Congressman Farr has fought for making health care more affordable for Monterey County residents through his support for the Affordable Care Act, his efforts to secure appropriations and grants for local hospitals and clinics, and his sponsorship of legislation to require equitable pay for doctors treating Medicare patients on the Central Coast; and

Whereas, Congressman Farr has been a strong supporter of Monterey County’s agricultural industry, using his position as Ranking Member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture to direct millions of dollars toward specialty and organic crop programs, to promote

access to nutritious fruits and vegetables for schoolchildren, and to secure funding for a new Agricultural Research Service facility in Salinas.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all citizens thereof, does hereby commend **Congressman Sam Farr** for a lifetime of public service to Monterey County, the State of California, and the United States of America, and applauds his significant accomplishments that have improved the economic, social, cultural, and environmental well-being of our global community and wishes him continued success, peace and happiness in all of his future endeavors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this _____ day of _____, 2016 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:

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

By _____
Deputy