

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

Resolution No.

Congratulating Bengard Ranch on the _____)
National Steinbeck Center “Hall of Fame Award”...)

WHEREAS, Bengard Ranch was founded by Tom and Terry Bengard, the fourth generation of Salinas Valley pioneer farming and ranching families, the Eades and the Bardins; and

WHEREAS, Tom’s grandfather, Wes Eade, became one of the most successful cattle traders of his time and is honored in the National Cowboy Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Terry’s grandfather, James Bardin, was a successful farmer and rancher in the Salinas area, growing sugar beets for Claus Spreckels and pioneering the use of beet by-products in cattle feeding; and

WHEREAS, both men were involved with the founding of the California Rodeo, one of the Bengard family’s favorite community events; and

WHEREAS, Tom and Terry have spent their life building a successful and diversified farming and cattle operation; and

WHEREAS, in the 1970s, Tom began farming with his own label, which grew, packed and shipped lettuce, broccoli, cauliflower, celery, and mixed lettuce in Bengard cartons; and

WHEREAS, Tom grew his company into one of the largest Grower-Shippers in the Salinas Valley, farming over 4,500 acres; and

WHEREAS, while Tom was busy building his farming business, Terry focused on livestock, eventually growing their cattle operation to a herd of more than 2,500 Black Angus cows on ranches from the Salinas Valley to Klamath Falls, Oregon; and

WHEREAS, the sixth generation of Bengards is now entering the business to continue the family tradition of farming and ranching; and

WHEREAS, Tom and Terry’s involvement in their community spanned far beyond their business endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Tom was active in the Grower-Shipper Association, the Western Growers Association, the Iceberg Lettuce and Celery Research Advisory Boards, the Production Credit Association, the UC Davis Dean’s Advisory Council, the Farm Bureau and the state and local Cattleman’s Associations; and

WHEREAS, Terry was active in the Cattlewoman’s Association, California Women for Agriculture, and Monterey County SPCA; and

WHEREAS, the Bengard family has supported many causes that promote youth, agriculture, and western lifestyles such as 4-H and Future Farmers of America, Boy Scouts, local fairs and rodeos, youth and high school sports, hospitals, animal shelters, food banks, churches, agricultural colleges, local schools, and numerous other charitable organizations within the community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the county and all citizens thereof, does hereby congratulate Tom and Terry Bengard on being a recipient of the 2018 Hall of Fame Award from the National Steinbeck Center.

PASSED AND ADOPTED upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____ and carried this ____ day of _____ 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 Minute Book ____ for the meeting on _____, 2018.

Dated:

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

By _____
Deputy