

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARK J. SMITH
AS THE SANTA MARIA VALLEY CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR FOR 2009

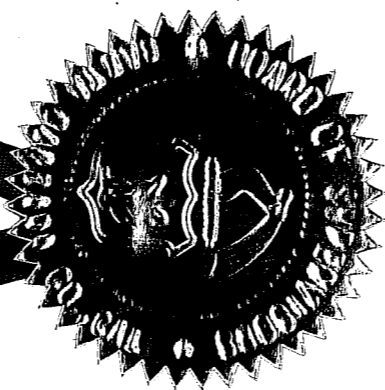
WHEREAS, Mark J. Smith was born in Santa Ana, CA and graduated from Hoover High School in Glendale, CA. After high school, Mark served three years in the U. S. Army with the 395th Regiment of the 99th Infantry Division. Mark saw combat in France, Germany and Belgium, receiving Battle Stars for participation in three major battles. His entire unit received the Presidential Unit Citation for it's participation in the Battle of the Bulge as well as a special decoration from the Belgium Government, the Belgium Fouragere, for their liberation of Belgium, and;

WHEREAS, Returning home in 1946 Mark entered the University of Southern California to pursue a degree in Civil Engineering and married his childhood sweetheart Dorothy. After college, Mark entered the Engineering Construction Business and worked for nine years in Southern California for Coxco Construction where he was involved in heavy construction, building freeways, airports and public works projects. In 1958 Mark was transferred to Santa Maria as the Superintendent of Coxco Construction. He ran heavy equipment and worked on various projects including the construction of the short cut from Hwy 135 to the main gate at Vandenberg Air Force Base, and;

WHEREAS, In 1965 Mark and Dorothy formed their own construction company specializing in building sub-divisions and custom homes. The first project was Foxenwood Estates beginning in 1968. Foxenwoods Realty was established to handle the sales. During the 70's and 80's Foxenwood Country Club Estates, Foxenwood Garden Villas I, II, and III were completed and in 2006 Mark's son Cameron and grandson Brandon completed Foxenwood Garden Villas IV. Mark has also built numerous custom homes throughout the Santa Maria & Central Coast area, and;

WHEREAS, Mark has been very active in the Santa Maria community. He is a member of the Santa Maria Elks, the Santa Maria County Club and in 1978 served a President and was a member of the Santa Maria Valley Developers later known as the Santa Maria Economic Development Commission. Mark is a major contributor to Marian Hospital, Alan Hancock College, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Council, Santa Maria Police Council, the Boys and Girls Club and the YMCA. Mark & Dorothy continue to fund many scholarships at Alan Hancock College where Mark served on the original Foundation Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors recognizes and congratulates MARK J. SMITH for being named the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce CITIZEN OF THE YEAR FOR 2009. PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 18th day of August 2009 by unanimous vote of all members present.



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Supervisor - 5th District

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Clerk of the Board