



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR
SERGEANT CONN L. ABEL, JR.
UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, Conn Abel retired from County service on Sunday, February 8, 2009, having faithfully served the Sheriff's Department for over 34 years, concluding his career as a Sheriff's Sergeant in the Air Support Unit; and

WHEREAS, Conn Abel began his career with Santa Barbara County in 1970 as a Sheriff's Department Explorer, and on February 3, 1975 was the first Deputy Sheriff to be hired under the age of 21. During his 34 years of service he worked nearly every area of the Sheriff's Department, to include Patrol, Custody Operations, Special Operations, Mountain Patrol, Isla Vista and the Cuyama Station; and

WHEREAS, Conn Abel served Sheriffs Webster, Carpenter, Thomas, Anderson and Brown as a narcotics detective, performing hundreds of complex and sensitive investigations, assisted with the creation of an Air Support Unit, and acted as the coordinator for Search and Rescue operations, helping members of this community by performing both enforcement and rescue efforts; and

WHEREAS, Conn Abel was recognized statewide as an aerial observer and spotter of marijuana fields, and he assisted with the eradication of millions of marijuana plants through his work with the Campaign Against Marijuana Production; and

WHEREAS, Conn Abel provided the employees of the Sheriff's Department positive leadership and professionalism allowing him to rise to the rank of Sergeant, and provided the citizens of Santa Barbara County extraordinary professionalism and sensitive law enforcement service while dedicating his life to the pursuit of justice; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Abel's knowledge, skills and experience contributed greatly to the overall professionalism and goals of the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department as well as the objectives of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors commends Conn L. Abel, Jr. for his faithful and distinguished service to the citizens of Santa Barbara County, congratulates him upon his retirement, and wishes him and his wife, Jennifer, continued good health and many years of happiness.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 17th day of March, 2009 by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

Supervisor - 1st District

Supervisor - 2nd District

Supervisor - 3rd District

Supervisor - 4th District

Supervisor - 5th District