

***RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF
SMILEY E. WILKINS SR.***

WHEREAS, Smiley E. Wilkins Sr. was born April 17, 1928 in Chesnee, South Carolina and was raised amidst extreme racism and adversity, yet despite all the struggles was able to persevere and became a champion of civil rights; and

WHEREAS, during his service as Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Air Force, Smiley Wilkins volunteered much time to guiding young people of his community as president of the Parent-Teacher Association at Hollman Air Force Base as well as Vandenberg Air Force Base, and was also state president of the PTA in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Smiley Wilkins continued his impressive service to the community when he became President of the NAACP Santa Maria-Lompoc Branch in 1984 and served for a generous 23 years; and

WHEREAS, Smiley Wilkins Sr. passed away on September 10, 2007, leaving behind a legacy of activism and community involvement and is survived by his wife Nannie Wilkins of 56 years, daughter Gwendolyn Talifero, and two sons Smiley Wilkins Jr. and Marcus Wilkins;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors and commends Smiley Wilkins Sr. for a lifetime of service to his community, country, church, and family as well as serving as a fine example of a strong and righteous leader.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 16th day of October, 2007 by a unanimous vote of all members present.