

# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## RESOLUTION HONORING AL MESKIMEN DESIGNER OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FALLEN FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL

WHEREAS, retired Captain Al MesKimen, who served 31 years with Santa Barbara County Fire Department (1974-2005), designed the Santa Barbara County Fallen Firefighter Memorial which, after 10 years of planning, was completed and dedicated on March 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Fire Department Fallen Firefighter Memorial is located at the entrance to the Fire Department Headquarters and is a tribute to the eight Santa Barbara County firefighters who have died in the line of duty since the department's inception in 1926; and

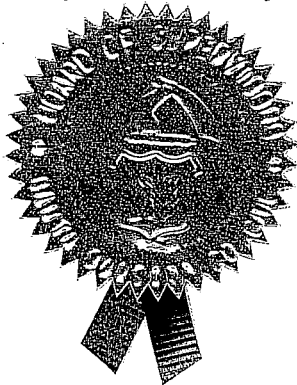
WHEREAS, Al MesKimen volunteered over 1000 hours of his time and attended over 50 meetings as he helped lead the effort to design, fundraise and oversee the implementation of the Fallen Firefighter Memorial; and

WHEREAS, in preparation for designing the Fallen Firefighter Memorial, Al MesKimen studied to earn an Associate's Degree from Santa Barbara City College in Environmental Horticulture, with Option of Landscape Design, where he made the Dean's List Honor Roll and was named the 2007 Outstanding Student of the Year at Santa Barbara City College in Environmental Horticulture. He went on to receive a Master of Architecture from CALPOLY San Luis Obispo; and

WHEREAS, Al MesKimen's thesis project at CALPOLY, "Assessing and Improving Fire Resiliency of Structures Located in Wildland-Urban Interface," was designated the 2011-2012 Outstanding Thesis of Year Award and contributed to the research that influenced the design of the Fallen Firefighter Memorial and the accompanying plant selection, hardscape layout and materials;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors and commends Al MesKimen for his dedication to designing the Santa Barbara County Fallen Fighter Memorial.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 19th day of March, 2013 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST: Chandra Walker  
Clerk of the Board

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