

**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR  
DETECTIVE THOMAS D. SOUTHWICK  
UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

*WHEREAS, Thomas D. Southwick will be retiring from County service on Sunday, March 23, 2008, having faithfully served Santa Barbara Sheriff's Department for a period of over twenty-four (24) years, during which he served as a Deputy and a Detective; and*

*WHEREAS, Thomas D. Southwick started his career with the Santa Barbara County on January 3, 1984, as a Patrol Deputy. In 2004, he was promoted to the classification of Criminal Investigation's Detective. During his twenty-four years of service he has worked in various capacities, most notably as a detective with the Department's Criminal Investigations Division, where he served to bring justice to the families of numerous crime victims; and*

*WHEREAS, Thomas D. Southwick, throughout his career, provided the employees of the Sheriff's Department positive leadership and professionalism, allowing him to rise steadily through the organization, attaining the rank of Lead Detective for the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Department; and*

*WHEREAS, Thomas D. Southwick 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, Thomas D. Southwick's knowledge, skills and experience contributed greatly to the overall professionalism and the 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 Thomas D. Southwick for his faithful and distinguished service to the citizens of Santa Barbara County and congratulates him upon his retirement and wishes him and his wife, Sonja, continued good health and many years of happiness.*

***PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 18 day of March, 2008, by unanimous vote of all members present.*