

## **COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING HARRELL FLETCHER FOR A LIFETIME OF COMMUNITY SERVICE AND THE CELEBRATION OF HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

## **CALIFORNIA**

WHEREAS, Harrell Fletcher, with a lifetime of civic duty and community service, celebrates his 90th birthday on July 24, 2009. Harrell has shown exemplary service throughout his life as a respected business leader, community advocate, civic representative, and role model for current and future community leaders, and;

WHEREAS, in 1963 Harrell was Chairman of the Fair Board of Directors. As Chair he was instrumental in getting the land donated for the fairgrounds, he oversaw the construction of the convention center and during his tenure he so increased the prominence of the fair that it received national recognition as the "Most Outstanding Small Fair in America", and;

WHEREAS, Harrell has left his mark not only on the Santa Maria Valley, but the entire North County. In 1975 he was elected to the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors representing the 5th District for two terms. Harrell always promoted the fair distribution of funds and resources for North County; he spearheaded the first County Split movement in 1975 and was actively involved in the second attempt in 2006. Though both attempts failed, they brought forth the needs of North County residents and the need for change, and;

WHEREAS, over the years Harrell has served on more than twenty different Boards, Committees and Agencies to the benefit of the Santa Maria Valley and North County, just a few of which are: the City of Santa Maria Code Compliance Board, the Santa Maria Retail Merchants Association, the Committee to Improve North County, the Santa Barbara County Civil Grand Jury, the Santa Barbara County Affordable Housing Loan Committee, and;

WHEREAS, Harrell has been honored with numerous awards including but not limited to: Santa Maria Valley Chamber Businessman of the Year 2001 and Citizen of the Year 2007, Santa Maria Elks Citizen of the Year 2002, COLAB Lifetime Achievement Award 2007, Coastal Business Finances' Small Business Advocate 2008 and the naming by the City of Santa Maria of Fletcher Park in honor of his commitment to civic duty, and;

WHEREAS, today Harrell continues his unmatched pace of community involvement and work in local politics. And so, because of all he has done and continues to do for Santa Barbara County and the Santa Maria Valley, Harrell Fletcher will be presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Committee to Improve North County on July 15, 2009. Harrell is the senior associate at Fletcher-Cross and Associates. He is married to Betty, his lovely wife of 67 years. They enjoy a loving family of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors recognizes HARRELL FLETCHER for a lifetime of answering the call of Civic Duty and Community Service.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this  $14^{th}$  Day of July 2009 by unanimous vote of all members present.

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

Supervisor - 1st District
Supervisor - 2nd District

Supervisor - 3rd District

Superisor - 4th District

Supervisor - 5th District