

Santa Barbara County of

RESOLUTION HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF SANTA BARBARA HIGH SCHOOL AND THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SANTA BARBARA HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, Founded in 1875, Santa Barbara High School stands as a cornerstone of our community — a historic institution that continues to shape the spirit, pride, and future of Santa Barbara. It is the sixth oldest continuously operating public high school in California and the second oldest in Southern California, serving generations of students for 150 years with academic excellence and community pride; and

WHEREAS, SBHS maintains a strong tradition of educational innovation and excellence. It offers specialized academies such as the Computer Science Academy, Multimedia Arts & Design Academy, and the Visual Arts & Design Academy, along with career pathways, dual enrollment, and a robust Advanced Placement program that has resulted in 94% of students pursuing higher education; and

WHEREAS, SBHS is home to several century-old institutions and programs, including its Theatre Department (since 1904), Olive & Gold Yearbook (since 1906), FORGE newspaper (since 1914), and the oldest continuously operating PTA in California, and its landmark main building completed in 1924 is recognized for its Spanish Colonial Revival architectural beauty and historic significance; and

WHEREAS, The Santa Barbara High School Alumni Association, founded in 1975, has provided over \$2.75 million in scholarships to more than 1,400 students, helping many first-generation college attendees pursue their educational dreams, thanks to the support and generosity of generations of Dons; and

WHEREAS, SBHS alumni include trailblazers in diverse fields such as arts, science, politics, athletics, and education—including Martha Graham, Charles Schwab, Floyd Norman, Randall and Sam Cunningham, Jamaal Wilkes, Monique Limón, and Laura Capps—whose legacies embody the school's enduring impact on both local and global communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara does hereby congratulate Santa Barbara High School on its 150th Anniversary and celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the SBHS Alumni Association for their exceptional contributions to education, history, and the Santa Barbara community. Once a Don Always A Don.

PASSED and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 9TH day of September 2025.



Monique Limón

ATTEST: Clerk of the Board

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