

**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION  
FOR JUVENILE INSTITUTIONS OFFICER  
MANFRED A. ERNST**

**Whereas**, Manfred A. Ernst, also known as “Manny,” was born and raised in Essen, Germany, until the age of seven; then moved to the United States with his mother, Margaret Markholt, finally settling in Santa Barbara at the age of 12. Manny attended Harding School, La Cumbre Junior High, and graduated from Santa Barbara High School in 1969; where he was a gymnast, swimmer, and member of the varsity dive team. Manny also attended Santa Barbara City College, Eagle’s Nest Bible College, and was ordained as a non-denominational Minister in 1998; and

**Whereas**, Manny was hired by the Santa Barbara County Education Office in 1970 as a Media Technician and Instructional Aide at Los Robles High School located at Los Prietos Boys Camp where he was employed for nine years. In 1980, Manny was hired as a Group Counselor for the Probation Department and assigned to the Los Prietos Boys Camp; during his tenure with Probation, Manny also held assignments at the Villa Esperanza Counseling & Education Center and the Santa Barbara Juvenile Hall. Manny returned to the Los Prietos Boys Camp in 1991, and was subsequently assigned as a Juvenile Institutions Officer to the Tri-Counties Boot Camp at its inauguration in 1997; and

**Whereas**, Manny is the only Camp graduate (LPBC Camper #2402) to subsequently secure employment as a Juvenile Institutions Officer for the Santa Barbara County Probation Department; he also produced a multimedia slide show that was critical to the continuation of the Los Prietos Boys Camp when it was threatened with closure in 1988. Manny’s success & dedication over the course of 23 years is a source of great pride and inspiration; and

**Whereas**, Manny has excelled as a Camp counselor and due to his exceptional skills has received many positive written comments from minors thanking him for his thoughtful care, concern, and guidance; Manny’s contributions include facilitating family group counseling for several years whereby he positively impacted many families in our communities. Manny’s experiences while employed by the Probation Department are too numerous to enumerate, but he is especially recognized for his humor and morale building, and for his participation on many memorable, educational and recreational field trips; and

**Whereas**, Manny is a dedicated father to his children Aaron and Sarah, and his grandson Travis; his hobbies include swimming, diving, hiking, camping, snow skiing and directing a local television station part-time. Manny has volunteered his valuable free time ministering to the needs of others in the Jail Ministry program; his retirement will not be restful as he will be pursuing a second career in the health and nutrition field; he will forever hold the key to “Paradise” at the Los Prietos Boys Camp and the Tri-Counties Boot Camp programs.

**Now, Therefore, Be it Hereby Ordered and Resolved**, that this Board of Supervisors recognizes Manfred A. Ernst for 23 years of dedicated service to the Probation Department and to the youth and citizens of Santa Barbara County.

**Passed and adopted** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this July 15th day of July 2003, by unanimous vote of all members present.