

# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION ALAN THOMPSON BOLENDER FOR 28 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

Whereas, Alan Thompson Bolender was born and grew up in Chicago, Illinois, served in the United States Army and was honorably discharged in 1967 at the rank of Sergeant, and graduated from Humboldt State University with a Bachelors of Arts degree in Political Science, and in 1973 earned his Masters of Arts in Education from Cal Poly State University San Luis Obispo; and

Whereas, Al started his career in Probation with Mendocino County in 1974 and relocated to Santa Barbara County to be employed by Social Advocates for Youth and the Devereux Foundation, before entering the Santa Barbara County Probation Department in 1978 as a Group Counselor III at the Santa Barbara Juvenile Hall (SBJH); and

Whereas, Al was promoted to Deputy Probation Officer in 1980 and to Senior Deputy Probation Officer in 1984, working in Santa Maria in the Comprehensive Alternative Treatment Program, and later at the Counseling and Education Center in Santa Barbara; and

Whereas, in 1986 Al was promoted to Probation Institution Supervisor at the SBJH and later filled that role at Los Prietos Boys Camp where he served with absolute commitment to the staff, wards and programs for 15 years, which included the 1995 application, planning and implementation of the Tri Counties Boot Camp grant project, culminating in the opening of the partnership program in 1997, and serving as interim Camp Manager in 2000, and ultimately as the Manager for the Crime Prevention Act 2000 project; and

Whereas, Al was promoted to Manager of the SBJH in 2001 and in 2005 assumed dual managerial roles over the downsized SBJH and South County Juvenile Field Services Division operations for which he has masterfully balanced his varied responsibilities; and

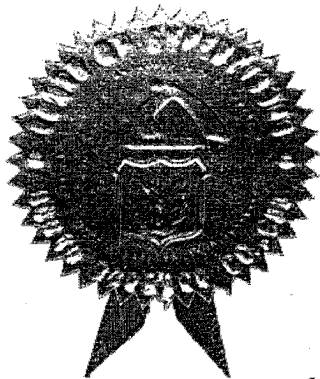
Whereas, Al has received numerous commendations during his career and has been an active member of SEIU 535, the Probation Peace Officers Association, California Probation Institutions Administrators, California Association of Probation Services Administrators, and was awarded the prestigious CAPIA Supervisor of the Year Award in 1996; and

Whereas, Al is the blessed and devoted husband of Rose, the very proud father of daughters Jessica, Erin, and Katie, and the dotting grandfather of Lucas "The Great," all of whom are part of an adoring family which will fill many of Al's hours during retirement that are not diverted by sand, sea or volleyball; and

Whereas, Al's 28 years of commitment and dedication to the Probation Department and citizens of Santa Barbara County have made a distinct and positive difference in our community and in the lives of countless colleagues, adult offenders, and troubled youth.

Now therefore, be it ordered and resolved, that this Board of Supervisors hereby commends Alan Thompson Bolender upon his retirement for 28 years of outstanding service to the people of Santa Barbara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2006, by the unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

Supervisor ~ 1st District  
  
Supervisor ~ 2nd District  
  
Supervisor ~ 3rd District  
  
Supervisor ~ 4th District  
  
Supervisor ~ 5th District