



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION TO HONOR GARY LEFFEW  
ON HIS INDUCTION TO THE PROFESSIONAL  
RODEO COWBOY HALL OF FAME

# CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, Gary Leffew was born and raised in Santa Maria. His large family migrated from the Texas Dust Bowl to this paradise in the late 1930's; and

WHEREAS, at age 19, after a stint of painting missile gantries at Vandenberg, Gary decided to follow his heritage and become a Rodeo Cowboy. Bull Riding was his event of choice, or as Gary puts it, "He was too lazy to work, too jealous to pimp and too nervous to steal." Gary's father Judd and Uncle RC had both competed as Bull Riders throughout California in the 40's and 50's and were very instrumental in his Bull Riding education; and

WHEREAS, Gary joined the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association in 1963 and became a World Champion Bull Rider in 1970. He qualified for the National Finals 8 times and won that Championship also; and

WHEREAS, a past PRCA Bull Riding Director and Guru of positive thinking, Gary continues to keep Rodeo in a positive light with articles in New Yorker Magazine, People Magazine, Western Horseman and most recently Life Magazine. According to the Travel Channels 101 best things to do, The Gary Leffew Bull Riding School is ranked in the top 10; and

WHEREAS, Gary's Bull Riding School has produced more Professional Canadian, College, High School and Senior Champions than any other school of its kind. Gary has also taught celebrities from Luke Perry and Keifer Sutherland to Cliff Robertson and Patrick Swazey and for the last 15 years a minimum of 5 top 15 national finals rodeo contestants have been former students; and

WHEREAS, Although his rodeo career spans 4 decades, Gary is still one of the most recognizable champions contributing to the sport today and will receive his most prestigious honor to date by being Inducted into the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame in Colorado Springs on August 10, 2002

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND HEREBY ORDERED, That The Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Barbara, State of California, Congratulate Gary Leffew on his Induction into the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame. Passed and adopted by a unanimous vote of all members present this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July 2002.



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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Supervisor ~ 1st District

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Supervisor ~ 2nd District

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Supervisor ~ 5th District