

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION
FOR MAURICE SOURMANY**

WHEREAS, Maurice Sourmany was born in Santa Barbara in 1942 to loving and devoted parents who immigrated as youths through Ellis Island from Bodrum, Turkey and the Island of Rhodes; and

WHEREAS, in 1930, Maurice Sourmany's father, Victor, discovered the community of Santa Barbara, decided to make his home here, and began selling flowers from buckets in the rented front yard of a home at the corner of Anapamu and Santa Barbara Streets where the "Victor the Florist" building stands today; and

WHEREAS, Maurice started in the flower business at a very early age, accompanying his mother, Matilda, who was known to many as Tillie, to the shop as she worked alongside her husband; and

WHEREAS, Maurice Sourmany has devoted his time and energies to philanthropic activities in the community including serving on the Board of the Joseph Shinoda Scholarship Foundation, supporting the Cancer Foundation and local theater groups, serving as Past Master of the Santa Barbara Masonic Lodge #192 and Past Master of the Carpinteria Masonic Lodge #444, and holding memberships in the Scottish Rite, York Rite, Al Malukah Shrine of Los Angeles, and the Santa Barbara Elks Club; and

WHEREAS, with great pride in his heritage, Maurice remains a member of two Synagogues, Congregation B'nai B'rith and the Los Angeles Sephardic Temple Tifereth Israel; and


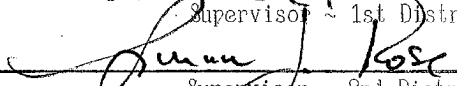

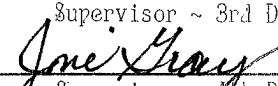
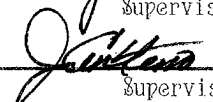
WHEREAS, for seventy-five years, "Victor the Florist" has continued in business in the pink building on the corner of Anapamu Street providing flowers and plants for the celebrations and life passages of the residents of our community, and after fifty years, Maurice Sourmany is retiring and will pass the family business and traditions to his daughter, Rae Anne, and son-in-law, Michael Alvarado;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors and commends Maurice Sourmany for a lifetime of dedication and devotion to his beloved family and for his many contributions to his community.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 14th day of February, 2006 by a 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