



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING LT. MATTHEW JENSEN FOR BREAKING THE WORLD RECORD

WHEREAS, On Saturday, December 17, 2011, Lt. Matthew Jensen of the Santa Maria Salvation Army broke the current 36-hour world record for continuous Salvation Army hand bell ringing by an individual; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Matthew Jensen made it all the way to 41 hours at 2 a.m. on Saturday morning; and

WHEREAS, He braved icy temperatures, hunger, and exhaustion to stand outside Foods Co, in Santa Maria, for 41 hours while continuously ringing a bell seeking donations to help the needy as part of the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign; and

WHEREAS, Competitors were only allowed 10-minute breaks every four hours, but had to keep standing and ringing, and were permitted to consume only fluids; and

WHEREAS, for 120 years, the Salvation Army Red Kettle has been an important symbol of Christmas giving; and

WHEREAS, The kettle is also a reminder that as long as there are people who lack the necessities of life, the Salvation Army will be there to help; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara commends Lt. Matthew Jensen for his dedication, and extends best wishes for continued success in the future.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 10th day of January 2012, by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Chandra Walker
Clerk of the Board

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