



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE LOMPOC VETERANS' MEMORIAL BUILDING FOUNDATION FOR LEADERSHIP IN RENOVATING THE LOMPOC VETERANS' MEMORIAL BUILDING

WHEREAS, in 2008, County Supervisor Joni Gray appointed Alice Milligan, retired Associate Superintendent of the Lompoc Unified School District, to coordinate the renovation of the Lompoc Veterans' Memorial Building, which was originally constructed in 1936 through the Works Progress Administration, fulfilling a dream of local veterans of the First World War; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Milligan began by forming the non-profit Lompoc Veterans' Memorial Building Foundation and selecting a committee that met monthly until the renovation was completed; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation oversaw the designation of the Veterans' Memorial Building as a historical building of significance; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation received numerous grants, the most substantial from: the Wood-Claeysens, Hutton Parker, and Santa Barbara Foundations, the Lompoc Rotary, a Community Development Block Grant, and Home Depot; and

WHEREAS, renovations included: re-roofing, overhauling the electrical system and installing lighting chandeliers, refinishing floors, renovating restrooms, resurfacing the east parking lot, constructing an accessible entrance, and adding a heating system; and

WHEREAS, Home Depot enlisted more than 300 Central Coast employees to gut and remodel the kitchen into a catering kitchen; and

WHEREAS, with approval from the Warden, the Lompoc Federal Penitentiary provided supervised inmates the opportunity to volunteer their talents and their contributions included: repainting the building auditorium, refinishing woodwork projects, and upholstering furniture; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation commissioned artist Fulton Leroy Washington for three murals in the building: "American Flag Raising at Iwo Jima," "Honda Point Disaster," and "The Guardians - Seal of the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard"; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation finished the renovation in seven years, at a cost of just over \$2,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara commends the outstanding efforts of the Lompoc Veterans' Memorial Building Foundation and recognizes their work as a model for the beautification of other aging veterans' buildings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors proclaims that the following individuals are recognized for their tireless efforts in completing the renovation: Benny Aguliar, Mozart Booker, Frank Campo, Norm Fuggs, Kerry Hansen, DeWayne Holmdahl, Ernie Hutchinson, Richard Langley, Susan Lindman, Bob Lingl, Cathy MacCulloch, Joe McCormick, Ken Ostini, Tyler Perry, Susan Warnstrom, who served as secretary, and Scott Hosking, Santa Barbara County Facilities Manager, who provided invaluable service, expert knowledge, and so much of his time.

The Board would like to especially acknowledge the Foundation Committee leadership: Alice Milligan who served as Chair/Project Coordinator, Frank Grube who served as Treasurer and grant writer, and Don Ramirez who committed time and talent from the beginning to the very end of the renovation.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California on this 24th day of January, 2023 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Don Ramirez
Clerk of the Board

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