

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION HONORING STEVE CUSHMAN UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE SANTA BARBARA REGION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

WHEREAS, Steve Cushman is retiring after serving as President of the Santa Barbara Region Chamber of Commerce for the past twenty four years, the longest serving President in the one hundred and thirteen year history of the Chamber; and

WHEREAS, as president of the Chamber, Steve Cushman has been a leader in promoting civic engagement in our community. This includes organizing the annual State of the City that brings together business and government officials to inform the greater community on current affairs in the City, the Eastside Business Center that has provided counseling and funding for local start-up businesses, organizing fundraising events for the widow and children of former local Navy Seal Lou Langlais, counseled and mentored over one thousand new business people, created the Chamber's Business Leaders Council, and helped raise over one hundred and fourteen thousand dollars to fund Chance for Change Scholarships offered to at risk youth at Santa Barbara City College; and

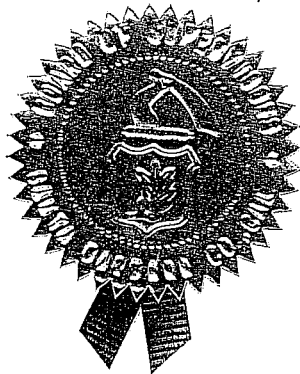
WHEREAS, Steve Cushman has served on more than 100 non-profit boards and commissions and assisted in raising over sixty million dollars for local projects. His efforts have helped produce more than 1,000 events such as The Santa Barbara Marathon, The Santa Barbara Arts Festival, The Book and Author Festival, Fiesta on the Fairways Golf Tournaments, the Phoenix World Tennis Championships and led to the installation of the Kids World Playground in Alameda Park in 1994 in which four thousand volunteers were recruited and five hundred thousand dollars were raised to build the playground in five days; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his role as President of the Santa Barbara Region Chamber of Commerce, Steve produced and hosted local radio and television series. The Commerce radio program has been on the air for more than twenty years and is the longest running locally produced radio program in Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, Steve Cushman is also a local author and sculptor. His work can be seen at the Sullivan Goss Gallery and in local businesses throughout town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors Steve Cushman upon his retirement from the Santa Barbara Region Chamber of Commerce and further commends him for his dedicated service to the residents of Santa Barbara County.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 21st day of August, 2012 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST: Chandra Holton
Clerk of the Board

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