

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION HONORING
SERGEANT MAJOR ROBERT FORTIES
UPON RECEIVING THE
2012 MILITARY BALL OF SANTA BARBARA
GREATEST GENERATION AWARD**

WHEREAS, Sergeant Major Robert Forties has been honored as the 2012 recipient of the Military Ball of Santa Barbara Greatest Generation Award in recognition of a lifetime of dedicated service to our country; and

WHEREAS, the Military Ball of Santa Barbara was initiated by philanthropist Pierre Claeysens in 1995 as a way of paying tribute to the U.S. Armed Forces, past and present in the Santa Barbara Region. It is currently sponsored by the Pierre Claeysens Veterans' Museum and Library and the Santa Barbara Navy League; and

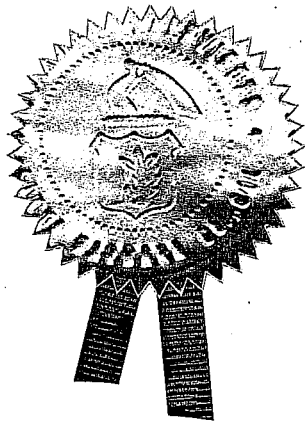
WHEREAS, Sergeant Major Robert Forties distinguished career in the U.S. Army spanned 23 years and 3 wars that included serving as a paratrooper in the 82nd Air Borne in Normandy on D-Day, June 6th 1944, Operation Market Garden in Holland, as a member of the 14th Armored Division in Korea in 1950, and serving in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Major Robert Forties is a recipient of the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, five Purple Hearts and a number of other medals in honor and recognition of his service and sacrifice in defense of our country; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Major Robert Forties and his family have lived in Santa Barbara since 1964 where he has been a strong advocate for veterans and veterans' organizations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors Sergeant Major Robert Forties upon receiving the Military Ball of Santa Barbara Greatest Generation Award and further commends him for his military and community service.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 6th day of November, 2012 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Chandra Walker
Clerk of the Board

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Supervisor - 2nd District

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