

**RESOLUTION HONORING KATIE HOPP  
WINNER OF THE J. GORDON EDWARDS  
PRIZE FOR BEST SCIENTIFIC PAPER OF 2009**

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**WHEREAS,** Katie Hopp grew up on a dairy farm in Iowa and has a deep agricultural background. Katie received her Bachelor's Degree in Biology from Luther College, Decorah, Iowa in 2006 and her Master's Degree in Entomology from Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana in 2008, and;

**WHEREAS,** After completing her Masters, Katie received a short- term grant from the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History bringing her to Santa Barbara to study beetle diversity in the Santa Monica Mountains. Upon completion of this project Katie began working for the Ventura County Agricultural Commissioner's office as an Insect Detection Specialist. In July 2010 Katie joined the Santa Barbara County Agricultural Commissioner's office as a Biologist and has found it to be a natural fit, bringing her back to her agricultural roots and allowing her to utilize her entomological background, and;

**WHEREAS,** In 2009 Katie's Master's Thesis - titled "A Revision of the West Indian genus *Nesocyrtosoma* Marcuzzi (Coleoptera: Tenebrionidae) was published as the Patricia Vaurie Monograph, a special issue of the Coleopterists Bulletin. In Katie's paper about the biology and evolution of beetles, she described 27 new species, cleared up long-standing nomenclatural confusion, produced an identification key to all 45 species of *Nesocyrtosoma*, conducted a phylogenetic analysis and reviewed West Indian Biogeography in relation to the distribution of *Nesocyrtosoma*, and;

**WHEREAS,** After being published, Katie's Thesis advisor nominated her paper for the J. Gordon Edwards Prize for the Best Scientific Paper published in 2009. Through open competition with established scientists also vying for the same prize, Katie's paper was selected the winner and she received a plaque and a \$300.00 cash award on Dec. 14, 2010 at the annual meeting of the Coleopterists Society, an international group devoted to the study of beetles.

**NOW, THEREFOR BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that this Board of Supervisors honors **KATIE HOPP** for winning the J. Gordon Edwards Prize and recognizes her as one of this county's bright young stars **.PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 2011 by unanimous vote of all members present.