

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR SHERIFF'S DEPUTY LESLIE G. AVILA UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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WHEREAS, Leslie G. Avila will be retiring from County service on Saturday, March 31, 2012, having faithfully served the Sheriff's Office for over twenty-five (25) years, during which she served as a Sheriff's Deputy, D.A.R.E. Officer, and a Court Bailiff; and

WHEREAS, Leslie Avila started her career with Santa Barbara County on August 11, 1986, as a Sheriff's Deputy Trainee. In May of 1987, she became a Sheriff's Deputy. During her 25 years of service, she has worked in various capacities which included, Patrol, Transportation Unit of Custody Operations, Court Services, and D.A.R.E.; and

WHEREAS, Leslie Avila provided the citizens of Santa Barbara County extraordinary law enforcement service while dedicating her life to the pursuit of justice, receiving accolades from the community and allied law enforcement agencies, and dedicating a portion of her twenty-five (25) year career instructing the D.A.R.E. program; and

WHEREAS, Leslie Avila showed commitment and service to all citizens in the State of California and bravely responded to the City of Hawthorn on a mutual aid task force during civil unrest in Los Angeles County in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Leslie Avila was acknowledged by Superior Court Judges for her knowledge, skills and experience in maintaining courtroom "Decorum and Respect," and contributed greatly in the overall courtroom operations of Department 8, during the famed Michael Jackson trial in 2005, exhibiting great professionalism in representing the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors commends Leslie G. Avila for her faithful and distinguished service to the citizens of Santa Barbara County, congratulates her upon her retirement, and wishes her and her husband, Dennis, continued good health and many years of happiness.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 20th day of March, 2012 by unanimous vote of all members present.

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