

**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR  
RUSS BARKER UPON HIS RETIREMENT  
FROM THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

**WHEREAS**, Russell Glen Barker migrated to California from Zanesville, Ohio after enlisting in the United States Air Force and was stationed at Vandenberg Air Force Base, where he served with distinction until receiving his Honorable Discharge in 1987, and was described by his Commanding Officer as “Outstanding in all respects”, which included his duty as the Project Officer for the annual VAFB Golf Tournament; and

**WHEREAS**, Russ began his County service in February 1988 when he was hired as an Elections Technician in the Elections Division of the Clerk-Recorder-Assessor, where he served through numerous election cycles, each time mobilizing an army of election night workers who ensured the smooth operation of dozens of polling places throughout the County; and

**WHEREAS**, Russ joined the County Executive Office in January 1998 as a Deputy Clerk, and immediately became an indispensable member of the Clerk of the Board team, assuming management of the public legislative record and other critical areas including the intake of tort claims, the intake and release of bonds related to monument deposits and subdivision maps, and publication of the Santa Barbara County Code, all of which he did with a smile; and

**WHEREAS**, Russ was instrumental in the effort to digitize nearly 150 years’ worth of historical Board of Supervisors’ legislative records dating back to the inception of Santa Barbara County in 1850, all of which are now available to the public as Santa Barbara became the first California County to accomplish this massive feat of public engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, Russ is the epitome of public service, his daily routine commencing before dawn to charter commuters on the Clean Air Express, and has committed his career to serving our community with a positive attitude, helpful nature, and an extraordinary amount of kindness, which is why he has been described by many as “the kind of County employee they strive to be”; and

**WHEREAS**, Russ is known affectionately by his co-workers as Rusty, Bossy Barker, and Honey Bear Barker with a fondness of breakfast Oreos, which is only rivaled by his love of potatoes as demonstrated when dining with him at McDonald’s for a hash brown or two; and

**WHEREAS**, Russ personifies the term “family-man” by always putting his wife, Lee Ann, and their four children, Joseph, Rebekah, Bethany, and Daniel, before himself and devoting his precious weekends to volunteering at church, caring for his ever-growing number of pets, and working on countless home projects, all of which inspire his endless supply of puns known fondly as “Russies”; and

**WHEREAS**, Russ’ extraordinary career has certainly led to his well-deserved retirement, which will allow him more time to work on his short game and fulfill his life goal of breaking 70, but his most exciting role yet begins in July 2019 with a title promotion to Grandpa.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that this Board of Supervisors commends Russ Barker for 31 years of faithful and distinguished service to the citizens of Santa Barbara County, and wishes him and his loving family many more years of good health and happiness.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019, by a unanimous vote of all members present.

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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA  
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS