



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

## RESOLUTION HONORING CASA DEL HERRERO UPON RECEIVING NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK STATUS CALIFORNIA

*WHEREAS, Casa del Herrero was designated as a National Historic Landmark by the Secretary of the Interior in recognition of its importance in preserving the history and heritage of the United States; and*

*WHEREAS, in an area known for its many architectural achievements, Casa del Herrero stands out due to its legacy of being virtually unchanged since its construction in 1925 and for its significance as one of the most fully developed and intact examples of America's Country Place Era that took form and flourished on the West Coast in the early 20th century; and*

*WHEREAS, Casa del Herrero was built for George Fox Steedman and his wife Carrie, who moved in on June 29, 1925 the day of the great Santa Barbara Earthquake. Led by renowned architect George Washington Smith, a unique setting that combined the main house, surrounding gardens and decorative arts was developed by a team of world recognized individuals including Lulah Maria Riggs, Ralph Stevens, Lockwood de Forest, Francis T. Underhill and Arthur and Mildred Byne; and*

*WHEREAS, the Casa del Herrero Foundation was founded by members of the Steedman family and now owns and operates the estate which is open to public for tours and other functions. Currently, Casa del Herrero provides fruit from its orchard to the Food Bank of Santa Barbara County and the Diabetes Resource Center, partners with the Garden Club of America to use its greenhouses for growing plants for Refugio State Park and offers educational opportunities for youth and licensed professionals to learn and study the architecture designs that make Casa so special;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors Casa del Herrero upon its being designated as a National Historic Landmark and commends the Steedman and Bass family as well as the community volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure the lasting legacy of this unique and significant part of our local and national history.*

*Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011 by a unanimous vote of all members present.*



ATTEST:

*Charlene Walker*  
Clerk of the Board

*L. O. C. L.*

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*Robert Bass*

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