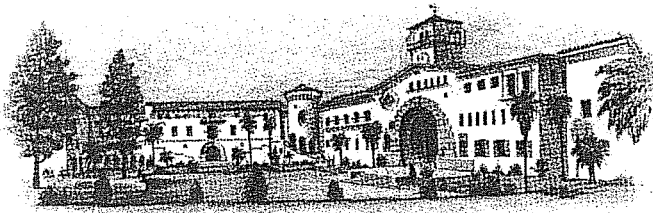


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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION HONORING VENTURA COUNTY
FIREFIGHTERS BRIAN BULGER, ROBERT LOPEZ
AND RON TOPOLINSKI FOR EXTRAORDINARY
SERVICE IN RESPONDING TO THE JESUSITA FIRE**

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2009 at approximately 1:45 P.M. a fire started in the Cathedral Peak area of Santa Barbara County and became known as the Jesusita Fire; and,

WHEREAS, Ventura County Fire Department was one of the first regional responders on the scene due to the State's mutual aid system and an essential part of the personnel on scene; and,

WHEREAS, while defending the homes of County residents in the Mission Canyon area from the approaching fire, on May 6, 2009, the wind quickly changed direction, flames overcame the engine and forced Captain Ron Topolinski and Firefighter Robert Lopez to seek shelter in a home they were protecting; and,

WHEREAS, driven by winds at speeds of nearly 60 miles per hour, the house caught fire forcing Topolinski and Lopez to flee; however, Captain Brian Bulger was able to pull the two firefighters into his vehicle; and,

WHEREAS, all three firefighters exhibited exemplary signs of bravery and heroism, dedication to upholding the Ventura County Fire Department's vision "to deliver the highest level of public service through a team effort" and commitment to protecting the properties and lives of Santa Barbara County residents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors recognizes and expresses its heartfelt admiration and thanks to Captain Brian Bulger, Firefighter Robert Lopez and Captain Ron Topolinski for their extraordinary service to the County of Santa Barbara in responding to the Jesusita Fire

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 7th day of July 2009 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

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Janet Welf

Supervisor - 2nd District

Ed Keller

Supervisor - 3rd District

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Supervisor - 4th District

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Supervisor - 5th District