

Santa Barbara County of

RESOLUTION NO. 26-159

RESOLUTION HONORING PAUL LOPEZ FOR 101 YEARS OF CIVIC DUTY

WHEREAS, Paul David Lopez was born in Santa Barbara on June 22, 1925, and at age 18 left Santa Barbara High School to enlist in the United States Navy during World War II, serving with distinction aboard the USS Maryland in major Pacific campaigns including Kwajalein, Saipan, Tinian, Leyte Gulf, and Okinawa; and

WHEREAS, despite multiple torpedo and kamikaze attacks that claimed the lives of many shipmates, Paul continued to serve with courage, later supporting Operation Magic Carpet and surviving the devastating 1945 Typhoon Louise while stationed in Okinawa; and

WHEREAS, after his honorable discharge in 1946, Paul returned home to Santa Barbara and began more than four decades of exemplary service at the University of California, Santa Barbara—ultimately becoming the longest-serving employee in UCSB’s history at the time of his retirement in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Paul again answered the call to serve his country during the Korean War, spending a year and a half in Kwajalein with a Navy Seabee unit supporting the development of critical airfields, further demonstrating his lifelong commitment to national service; and

WHEREAS, Paul and his wife Gladys became pillars of Santa Barbara’s Westside community, where “Uncle Paulie”—affectionately known as “The Mayor of Chino Street”—offered guidance and friendship to generations of neighborhood children, and in 2013 proudly received his long-delayed 1944 Santa Barbara High School diploma alongside his grandson;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara does hereby honor and celebrate Paul David Lopez for his extraordinary contributions to his country and to the Santa Barbara community over 101 remarkable years.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 7th day of July, 2026, by a unanimous vote of all members present.



Maria Inezasato
ATTEST: Clerk of the Board

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