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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION HONORING
KEVIN MERRILL
FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE
TO THE COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Kevin Merrill is a seventh generation Californian who was born and raised in the Santa Ynez Valley and lives just north of Los Alamos with his wife Karen and children Kenny, Clayton and Kathleen; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Merrill began farming with his brother Dana on their grandfather's ranch. They leased 1,500 acres of land to grow alfalfa, lima beans, tomatoes and sugar beets; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Merrill has worked for corporate farming operations with 80,000 acres as well as family operations with 1,000 acres; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Merrill manages 1,200 acres of wine grapes in Santa Barbara County for Mesa Vineyard Management; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Merrill is the president of the Central Coast Wine Growers' Association, a board member of the Committee to Improve North County, and a member of the steering committee for the Los Padres I and Ag PAC; and

WHEREAS, through the Wine Industry Task Force, Mr. Merrill has brought together disparate interests from agriculture, government, environment and the community in general; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Merrill has been named the 2002 Farmer of the Year by the 37th District Agricultural Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND HEREBY ORDERED that this Board of Supervisors honors KEVIN MERRILL for his dedicated service to the community. Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 16th day of July, 2002.

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