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## COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION HONORING CLIFFORD W. SPONSEL AS THE 2010 SANTA BARBARA FOUNDATION MAN OF THE YEAR

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WHEREAS, Clifford W. Sponsel has been selected as the 2010 Man of the Year by the Santa Barbara Foundation in recognition of the many contributions he has made to the quality of life in the community; and

WHEREAS, Cliff has been a devoted volunteer and philanthropist for over 50 years. His numerous contributions of time, talent, and treasure have made a permanent and lasting impression on the Santa Barbara community; and

WHEREAS, As a former Santa Barbara Foundation Trustee (1976-1985), Cliff was most proud of his ability to lead the Foundation into the era of modern portfolio management, continuing his involvement to this day as a supporter and donor; and

WHEREAS, Cliff has established scholarships for students in the field of engineering at the Santa Barbara Scholarship Foundation, and sponsored the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Care Administration Building, which is named in his honor; and

WHEREAS, Cliff has served on the Research Committee for the California Avocado Society, served on the Board of Directors for Old Spanish Days, is a University of California, Santa Barbara President Affiliates Life Time Member, has been a trustee for the Mosher Foundation, and has served on countless other boards throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, Cliff is a past president, vice president, and member of the Board of Directors for the La Cumbre Mutal Water Company, an organization he founded to help solve water problems in this area; and

WHEREAS, Cliff is the inventor of the modern day thermostat, which was an important breakthrough for the American automobile industry. In 2008, he was the Association of Professional Fundraisers for the Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties Philanthropist of the Year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisor honors Clifford W. Sponsel as the recipient of the 2010 Santa Barbara Foundation Man of the Year Award and further commends him for a lifetime of outstanding leadership and dedicated service to his community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 20th day of September, 2011 by a unanimous vote of all members present.

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