



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

Resolution In Memory of Agatha Shorter-Lewis

WHEREAS, Agatha Shorter-Lewis after a lifetime dedicated to serving the people of Santa Barbara County passed away on October 5, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Agatha was a graduate of UCSB earning a bachelor's degree in Sociology, which prepared her for the career which she truly loved; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Shorter-Lewis initially began her career as a volunteer in the Santa Barbara County Probation Department in 1973 but after scoring #1 on her placement test was hired as a DPO II in 1975, becoming the first Black female Deputy Probation Officer in the County; and

WHEREAS, Agatha spent 27 years with the Department before retiring in 2001. Her most memorable times were spent working a Juvenile caseload where she used her "fair but firm" personality to ensure local kids made it to school and stayed out of trouble; and

WHEREAS, Agatha was heavily involved in the community holding numerous leadership positions within the Santa Maria-Lompoc chapter of the NAACP, she was also a Sunday School Teacher and was named as a representative of the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church to state and national delegations; and

WHEREAS, Agatha was married in 1993 to the Reverend Henry Littleton Lewis, Jr at a wedding that people still talk about today due to the 25 bridesmaids and over 1,000 guests in attendance with many of them being judges, attorneys and Probation officers; and

WHEREAS, Agatha enjoyed her retirement years, celebrating many of her birthdays cruising on the high seas with her husband; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Agatha Shorter-Lewis led a life that should be an inspiration to all of us – a true public servant who overcame bias and discrimination in her own life and yet remained focused on creating a better world for her family and her community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County does hereby acknowledge the passing of one of our own, Mrs. Agatha Shorter-Lewis, and do impart our condolences to her family and friends

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this ninth day of November 2021 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



Supervisor - 1st District

Supervisor - 2nd District

Supervisor - 3rd District

Supervisor - 4th District

Supervisor - 5th District

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board