



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DON WESLEY STALKER

WHEREAS, Don Wesley Stalker was born on November 25, 1924 to Ray and Dorothy Stalker in Helper, Utah. He had one sibling, Norma Rae. His family can be traced back Scotland and both his father's and mother's families came to America on the Mayflower; and,

WHEREAS, Don and his family moved to Lompoc in 1932. He attended Lompoc High School and was active in Football, Basketball, Track, Orchestra & Band. Don attended American Legion Boys State in 1941, graduating in 1942. He then attended U.C. Berkley School of Engineering until he was drafted into the Army in 1943; and,

WHEREAS, After his military training was completed Don was eventually assigned to Cannon Company, 553rd Infantry Regiment, 89th Infantry Division and was designated as the Captain's Driver. Don saw combat in Germany, was awarded the Bronze Star, several Combat Infantry Badges, 2 Battle Stars and was credited with saving his Captain's life in combat. When the war was over Don returned to school, attending Shrivensham American University in England. Don was discharged from the Army in 1946. Don continued his education, graduating from U.C. Santa Barbara with a B.A. in Economics in 1949; and,

WHEREAS, After returning to the States Don married Minniebelle Hoover in 1947 and the couple had two children, Stephen Don and Deborah Lynne. They eventually became the grandparents of 4 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

WHEREAS, Don was a partner in Stalker's Mens & Ladies Apparel in downtown Lompoc from 1950-1976 when it closed. He later worked for Lompoc Lumber, was a Substitute Teacher in Lompoc Schools and later worked for and retired from the Social Services Department of the County of Santa Barbara. Don served on many Boards and Committees including the Lompoc Cemetery District Board of Trustees from February 1996-April 2012, the Lompoc High School Alumni Association, the Lompoc Historical Society and the Lompoc Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Don was a member of the American Legion, the Elks, the Lompoc Valley Club, UC Life Alumni, UCSB Life Alumni, the N.R.A. and the Presbyterian Church; and,

WHEREAS, Don enjoyed spending time in the great outdoors with his family hunting, fishing, camping and traveling He had an avid interest in Genealogy and Lompoc High School Sports. Don passed away in August 2012; he will be truly missed by his family and friends.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HERE BY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors through this resolution celebrates the life of DON WESLEY STALKER. PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 4th day of September by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST: Chandra Holton
Clerk of the Board

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