

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING
WEST MAIN STREET AS THE CLARENCE
MINETTI MEMORIAL ROAD**

WHEREAS, Clarence Minetti, whose name is interwoven in the rich history of the Santa Maria Valley, passed away March 28, 2011, at the age of 93; and

WHEREAS, Clarence Minetti was born in Cayucos in 1918, moved with his family in 1925 to Guadalupe, graduated from Santa Maria High School in 1935, and married Rosalie Maretti in 1940; and

WHEREAS, Clarence Minetti joined the Santa Maria Elks Lodge #1538 in 1946, began operating the Corralitos Cattle Ranch for the heirs of his father-in-law Charles Maretti in 1947, and was elected to the Guadalupe Joint Union School District Board beginning in 1948, and served until 1964; and

WHEREAS, Clarence Minetti served as the first Elks Rodeo Arena Director in 1953, ending in 1986, and is credited with making the Elks Rodeo what it is today; purchased the Palace Hotel in 1958, and opened the Far Western with wife Rosalie and partners Richard “Dick” and Jean Maretti, hosting rodeo cowboys, locals and guests from around the world; and

WHEREAS, Clarence Minetti was selected as the 1975 Santa Maria Valley Chamber “Citizen of the Year,” the 1983 Grand Marshal of the 40th Annual Elks Rodeo and Parade, the 1985 Santa Barbara County Fair Livestock “Man of the Year,” the 1988 Honorary Vaquero of Old Spanish Days Fiesta, the 2003 COLAB Family Heritage Award, and the 2009 Marian Medical Center Foundation Honoree.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND HEREBY ORDERED, that the Board of Supervisors designates West Main Street, from the City Limit of Guadalupe to the parking lot of the Guadalupe Dunes Park, as the Clarence Minetti Memorial Road, in memory of his civic leadership, strong support of 4-H and youth activities, his ambassadorial skills for Guadalupe and the Santa Maria Valley, and his very generous spirit;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Director of Public Works to post signs along West Main Street confirming this Board Action.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this **17th day of May, 2011**.