RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR SERGEANT THOMAS A. NELSON UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Thomas Nelson will be retiring from County service on Friday, March 25th, 2005, having served the Sheriff's Department for a period of over thirty (30) years, during which he served as a Sheriff's Sergeant, and

WHEREAS, Thomas Nelson started his career with the Santa Barbara County on May 25th, 1970 as a Deputy Sheriff. During his thirty years of service he has worked in the Custody Division, Patrol Division, Coroner's Bureau, and Court Services Division, and

WHEREAS, Thomas Nelson provided the citizens of Santa Barbara County extraordinary professionalism and sensitive law enforcement service, and

WHEREAS, Thomas Nelson's people skills contributed greatly to the overall professionalism and the goals of the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department as well as the objectives of the county.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors commends Thomas Nelson for his faithful and distinguished service to the citizens of Santa Barbara County and congratulates him upon his retirement and wishes him and his wife Lynne, continued good health and many years of happiness.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 22nd day of March, 2005 by unanimous vote of all members present.