



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## RESOLUTION HONORING MERRILL LELAND HOFFMAN AS PATRIOT OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Merrill Leland Hoffman was born in Clinton, Massachusetts, and has been a resident of Santa Barbara for nearly forty years and is now owner/President of Santa Barbara Locksmiths, Inc. and a Past President of the Keys Square Club, an association of locksmiths upholding the profession of honesty and integrity in this field; and

WHEREAS, Merrill Leland Hoffman was a faithful husband to his late wife and is dedicated to his family and members of the Channel Island YMCA; and

WHEREAS, Merrill Leland Hoffman served in the United States Navy from 1952 to 1972 and retired as a Senior Chief Petty Officer assigned to the USS Antietam, USS Valley Forge, USS Midway and USS Oriskany; and

WHEREAS, Merrill Leland Hoffman was made a Master Mason in 1963 and affiliated with Scottish Rite, Al Malaikah Shrine, Royal Order of Scotland and is a Past President of the Santa Barbara Shrine Club.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors Merrill Leland Hoffman as the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Valley of Santa Barbara, Orient of California, as PATRIOT OF THE YEAR.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 15th day of September, 2009 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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Supervisor - 1st District

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