

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JESUS CASTILLO FOR HIS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN COOPERATIVE CONSERVATION

WHEREAS, for the month of November 2007; the USDA ~ Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and California Association of Resource Conservation Districts presented their Outstanding Achievement Award to Jesus Castillo; and

WHEREAS, Jesus started J.C. Farming in 2003 and grows strawberries, squash, tomatillos and green beans; and

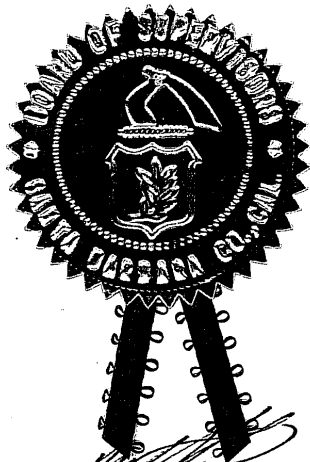
WHEREAS, Jesus has been a conservation leader in the Santa Maria farm community, especially the Spanish speaking strawberry producers; and

WHEREAS, Jesus has demonstrated innovative efforts at reducing runoff by using drip irrigation systems and adding grass strips to slow down the flow and increase infiltration; and

WHEREAS, Jesus hosted workshops for irrigation and nutrient management in order to share his experience on improving water quality, water conservation, reduction of nitrogen levels in groundwater, and reduced soil erosion with his neighbors; and

WHEREAS, Jesus' example and efforts are a great help to individual farmers seeking to improve their production, and benefit the region as a whole through sustainable use of its natural resources.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Barbara, State of California, recognize Jesus Castillo for his outstanding achievements in cooperative conservation. Passed and adopted this 11th day of December 2007.



ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

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