

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION HONORING CALIFORNIA

REVEREND RICHARD (RICK) PAUL BLOOM FOR 53 YEARS OF MINISTRY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

WHEREAS, Reverend Richard (Rick) Paul Bloom (aka - Pastor Bloom) was born in Los Angeles, California, on September 25, 1944; he enlisted in the US Navy Reserve at the age of 17, served on the aircraft carrier *USS Hornet* during the Vietnam War, and was honorably discharged in 1967 at the rank of 2nd Class Petty Officer; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Bloom enrolled at L.I.F.E. Bible College in Los Angeles, California and subsequently Berean College in Springfield, Missouri and holds diplomas in both Bible and Doctrine as well as Ministerial Studies; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Bloom followed in his father, grandfather and several other family member's footsteps & began his ministry in Chula Vista, California on April 3, 1967 serving at 6 churches before arriving at Pacific Christian Center in Santa Maria in June of 1997; during his tenure, he excelled at building new facilities while keeping the churches 'debt-free', he started numerous outreach programs in the communities, served on several Boards of Directors, was the contact Pastor for Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton and Santa Maria Police Department, had a radio program on KPKZ for six years, established the MetroKidz and Angelfood programs specifically here in Santa Maria and still managed to hold numerous church services and put his congregation above himself; and

WHEREAS, On June 25, 1966, Pastor Bloom was married to Clairece Janice (Jan) Bloom until her passing in January 2016 and on May 16, 2017, Pastor Bloom married Karen Ramer; Pastor is blessed to spend time with his three children, six grandchildren, and great-grandson; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Bloom is known for his down-home sense of humor, his dedication to family, his Los Angeles Dodgers; and, he will be the first to tell you that his ministry work of over half a century was never about himself, but always about getting to "Know Jesus and make Him known."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors Reverend Richard (Rick) Paul Bloom for his 53 years in ministry and further recognizes his years of dedication whose commitment has bettered the lives of the communities where he has resided, the congregations he has served and, most importantly, his family that surrounds him!

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 18th day of June, 2018 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



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