

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION
FOR PATRICK J. QUINTANA
ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, OCTOBER 2009)

CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, Patrick Joe Quintana was born on St. Patrick's Day in Alamosa, Colorado and raised in Lompoc, California where he attended local schools, including Lompoc High School, Ventura Community College and Allan Hancock College POST Reserve; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Joe Quintana served as a Non-commissioned Officer in the United States Army during the Vietnam Era from 1967 to 1970 and has dedicated his life to helping the poor and underprivileged; working as a reserve Deputy Sheriff with Santa Barbara County Sheriff from 1972 to 1974, for Social Security Administration as a Service Representative from February 1971 to June 1975 and a Claims Representative from June 1975 to December 1991 and for Santa Barbara County as a Public Defender Investigator from December 1991 to June 2009; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Joe Quintana worked in all three offices of the Santa Barbara County Public Defender, Lompoc, Santa Maria and Santa Barbara, and handled every case this office handles including special circumstance cases; including clients charged with offenses subjecting them to the death penalty; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Joe Quintana, worked several complex homicide cases over his career with the Office of the Public Defender including one involving 30 separate instances of uncharged bad acts for which the client had never been convicted. Mr. Quintana investigated each of these allegations and through his diligence enabled the defense to uncover the truth resulting in none of them being admitted as evidence by the trial court; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Joe Quintana, is married to Helen Quintana, has raised three daughters, Veronica Gerardo, Dolly Hernandez and Yvonne Tamayo and is the stepfather of Rick, Michael, Mark and Tim Enriquez and Rachel Alvarez, who have all successful careers; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Joe Quintana has "grown weary" hanging up his badge on June 1, 2009; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors commend Patrick Joe Quintana for his 42 years of committed public service and his dedication to the Public Defender's Office, and its clients, as well as his contributions to the County of Santa Barbara and congratulate him on a well-deserved retirement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 27th day of October, 2009 by a unanimous vote of all members present.

Supervisor - 1st District

Supervisor - 2nd District

Supervisor - 3rd District

MITEST:

Clerk of the Board

Supervisor - 5th District