



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR SERGEANT STEPHEN M. CLEAVES UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Stephen Cleaves retired from County service on Sunday, October 18, 2009, having faithfully served the County of Santa Barbara for over twenty-eight years, during which he served as a Sheriff's Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Cleaves began his law enforcement career in 1973 with the Los Angeles Police Department working in the jail as a Civilian/Cadet. His appointment to Deputy Sheriff with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department began on May 5, 1975; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Cleaves was hired by the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department on March 9, 1981, and was assigned to the South Coast Patrol Division; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Cleaves, on May 18, 1998, attained the rank of Sergeant and was assigned to North County Operations, Santa Maria Patrol; and

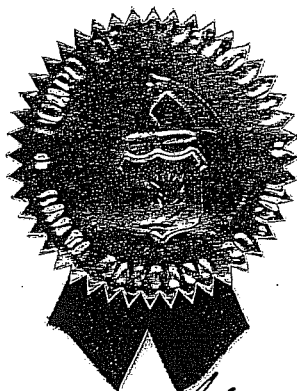
WHEREAS, Stephen Cleaves proposed implementation of the Sheriff's Mounted Unit in 1988, and by 1992 was recognized as a bonafide unit. He was an active member of the Mounted Unit until 2003; and

WHEREAS, during his career, Stephen was assigned to Criminal Investigations, Special Operations, and Patrol Operations; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Cleaves is especially known to his peers, supervisors, and the community he has served so well, for his dedication, professionalism and his commitment to the job and profession of law enforcement.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 10th day of November, 2009 by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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