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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION HONORING COLONEL DAVID J. BUCK FOR HIS SERVICE AS COMMANDER OF VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE

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WHEREAS, Colonel David J. Buck has served with distinction as the Commander of the 30th Space Wing and the Western Range, Air Force Space Command at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California for the last 2 years and will be departing on 26 April 2010, and;

WHEREAS, While serving at Vandenberg, Colonel Buck has made a concerted effort to strengthen the long standing friendship between Vandenberg and the County of Santa Barbara; especially the North County cities of Solvang, Buellton, Lompoc, Santa Maria and Guadalupe. Colonel Buck often met with elected officials to discuss and help find solutions to issues relevant to both the Base and the Communities, as well as giving monthly updates on base operations to the North County Mayors' Luncheon Group, and;

WHEREAS, Colonel Buck was instrumental in the reopening of Point Sal Trail for use by county residents, and he also worked with county officials to preserve access to Surf Beach, and;

WHEREAS, Colonel Buck stressed the importance of Highway 101 to Vandenberg Air Force Base and its' ongoing operations to the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments, and;

WHEREAS, Colonel Buck integrated his staff into the community to make sure that dependents of Airman that are living off-base are well cared for while their loved ones are deployed serving our Country, and;

WHEREAS, During his tenure, Colonel Buck, with his lovely wife Stella at his side, rode as honored dignitaries in the Annual Lompoc Valley Flower Festival Parade, attended the Lompoc Veterans Council Military Ball and many other local community events, and;

WHEREAS, Colonel & Mrs. Buck forged many new and long lasting friendships and will be foundly remembered and greatly missed.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors Colonel David I. Buck for his outstanding and distinguished service to Vandenberg Air Force Base, the men & women under his command and the communities of Santa Barbara County, especially Lompoc; and wish him and his wife all the best as they begin the next phase of his Air Force career.

- PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 13th day of April 2010 by unanimous vote of all members present.

