

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION HONORING MARK PATTON FOR HIS FIVE DECADES OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISM AND BEAUTIFUL STORY TELLING OF THE ATHLETES, TEAMS AND SPORTS FIGURES IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, Mark Patton served the Santa Barbara sports community full-time for nearly 44 years as a staff writer and editor at the Santa Barbara News-Press. Prior to his arrival at the News-Press, he covered news and sports at the Santa Maria Times; and

WHEREAS, Mark grew up in Santa Barbara and graduated from Bishop Diego High School in 1972. He attended Santa Barbara City College, where he served as an editor for the student newspaper, The Channels. He moved on to the University of Southern California and was a staff writer and an editor for the Daily Trojan. He earned his bachelor's degree in journalism from USC in 1976; and

WHEREAS, Mark followed in the footsteps of his late father, Philip Patton, as the Sports Editor and the UCSB beat writer for the News-Press. Mark covered Gaucho men's basketball for 38 consecutive years; and

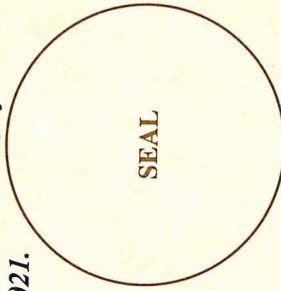
WHEREAS, Mark wrote award-winning human-interest pieces for the paper, covered the 1984 Olympic Games and reported on high school, college and community sports; and Mark devoted time and energy to such community organizations as Special Olympics, the Goleta Valley Girls Softball Association and the Page Youth Center. He helped in the construction of the GVGSA facility at Dos Pueblos High School and served as coach with the GVGSA for many years; and

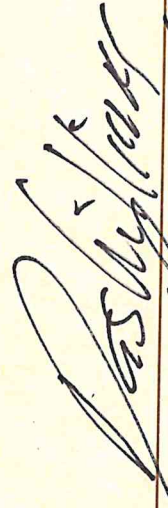
WHEREAS, Mark and his wife, Theresa, raised four daughters who all played softball and other sports at Dos Pueblos High School. Mark and Theresa also played City League softball for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mark persevered in his dedication to local sports journalism for almost 44 years, culminating in his retirement in May, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors and commends Mark Patton for his decades of dedication and devotion to the local sports community, his incredible institutional knowledge, creativity and wonderful story telling.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California this 15th day of June 2021.

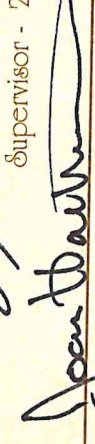




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Supervisor - 4th District



Supervisor - 5th District

ATTEST: 
Clerk of the Board