

# Proclamation

## HONORING ALTA AUTOMOTIVE AS THE DINUBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2007 SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

**WHEREAS**, Robert Hood has owned and operated Alta Automotive for the past seven years. Taking over after his brother James moved three years ago, Robert has kept Alta Automotive in the forefront of the business community; and

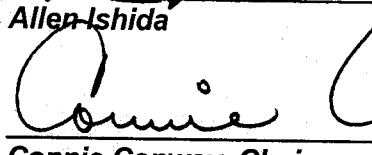
**WHEREAS**, Alta Automotive has devoted its time to help other organizations throughout the community, such as helping with the Rotary Float for the youth Interact Club, rebuilding the City's 1922 Stutz fire engine and sponsoring youth sports through Dinuba's recreation department; and

**WHEREAS**, Alta Automotive has been a model of honesty and dedication to the public; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tulare County Board of Supervisors pays tribute to Alta Automotive for its dedication and commitment to the community and for being chosen as 2007 Small Business of the Year by the Dinuba Chamber of Commerce on this day, January 25, 2008.



  
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Connie Conway, Chairman

  
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## HONORING DINUBA LUMBER COMPANY AS THE DINUBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2007 LARGE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

**WHEREAS**, the Dinuba Lumber Company was started in 1951 by Harold Brooks Schaffer Sr., who is currently the company vice president. Presently, Brooks W. Schafer, Harold's son, is the company president; and

**WHEREAS**, with the City of Dinuba actively recruiting big-box stores, the Schaffer family aggressively remodeled the exterior and interior of their store, doubled the number of products they sell and greatly expanded its rental business. But it's the service they provide, not the products, that places Dinuba Lumber Company at the top of everyone's list; and

**WHEREAS**, the Dinuba Lumber Company is a long-time supporter of the Dinuba Chamber of Commerce and the Main Street Committee. The Schaffer family continues to physically and financially help the City of Dinuba, businesses and community organizations; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tulare County Board of Supervisors pays tribute to Dinuba Lumber Company for its dedication and commitment to the community and for being chosen as 2007 Large Business of the Year by the Dinuba Chamber of Commerce on this day, January 25, 2008.



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## HONORING SHIRLEY STORMONT AS THE DINUBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2007 SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

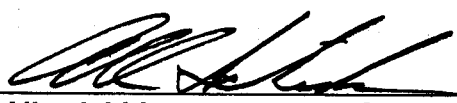
**WHEREAS**, Shirley Stormont was born in Missouri, but moved with her family to Dinuba to start her junior year at Dinuba High School - where she would eventually come back to teach for more than 35 years; and

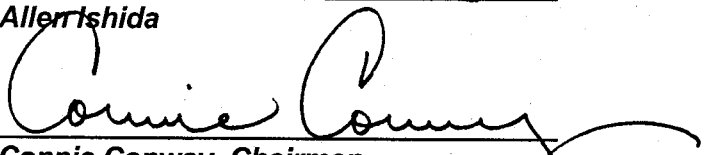
**WHEREAS**, Shirley is the ambassador for the Dinuba Chamber of Commerce and always attends chamber functions; and

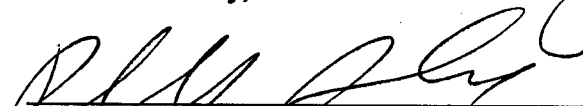
**WHEREAS**, Shirley is involved in many community activities. From being active with the Historical Society and helping organize special events at the Open Gate Ministry to serving as co-chair of food committees at the Presbyterian Church, Shirley has truly made Dinuba a better community; and

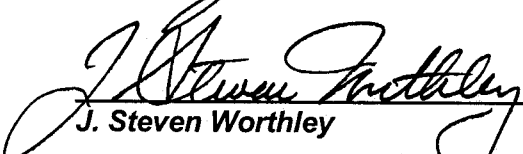
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tulare County Board of Supervisors pays tribute to Shirley Stormont for her dedication and commitment to the community and for being chosen as 2007 Senior Citizen of the Year by the Dinuba Chamber of Commerce on this day, January 25, 2008.

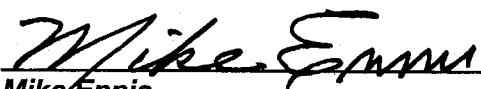


  
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## HONORING NORI NAYLOR AS THE DINUBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2007 JUNIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

**WHEREAS**, Nori Naylor stretches her care and concern throughout the community, to friends and family, and especially to Dinuba's youth; and

**WHEREAS**, Nori is a strong advocate for protecting young people from being faced with pornography from any and every angle. More than 20 years ago, she initiated the Citizens Leading Effective Action Now, or CLEAN, organization. Nori is faithful about checking all markets, drug stores and other businesses where magazines are sold to be sure that the offensive material is kept out of the sight of young people; and

**WHEREAS**, whether it's teaching Sunday school, singing in the choir, chaperoning numerous trips to Mexico at Easter-time, summer bible school or ministering to the sick, the Presbyterian Church in Dinuba has benefitted from Nori's high level of participation; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tulare County Board of Supervisors pays tribute to Nori Naylor for her dedication and commitment to the community and for being chosen as 2007 Junior Citizen of the Year by the Dinuba Chamber of Commerce on this day, January 25, 2008.



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## HONORING BEN IOSEFA AS THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL 2007 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR

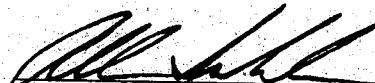
The Tulare County Board of Supervisors pays tribute to Ben Iosefa as the California Highway Patrol 2007 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

Ben Iosefa joined as has been a member of the California Highway Patrol for 13 years. His first assignment was in San Jose, where he served for 12 years as a Road Patrol Officer and assisted the California Highway Patrol by taking on many duties.

Ben transferred to the Visalia CHP Office in 2006. He immediately began to show his dedication to the Tulare County by routinely being the high numbers guy each month. In a year's time, Ben wrote over 1,200 citations, arrested 13 drunk drivers, investigated 58 traffic collisions, recovered more than 70 vehicles, and logged 30,000 patrol miles.

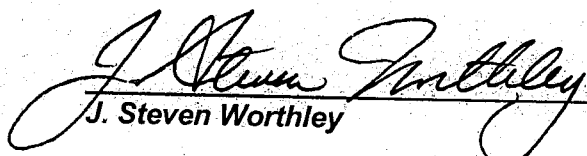
On behalf of the people of Tulare County, we pay tribute to Ben Iosefa for his dedication and commitment.

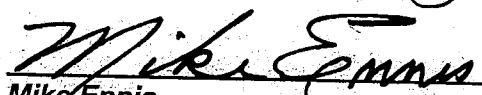
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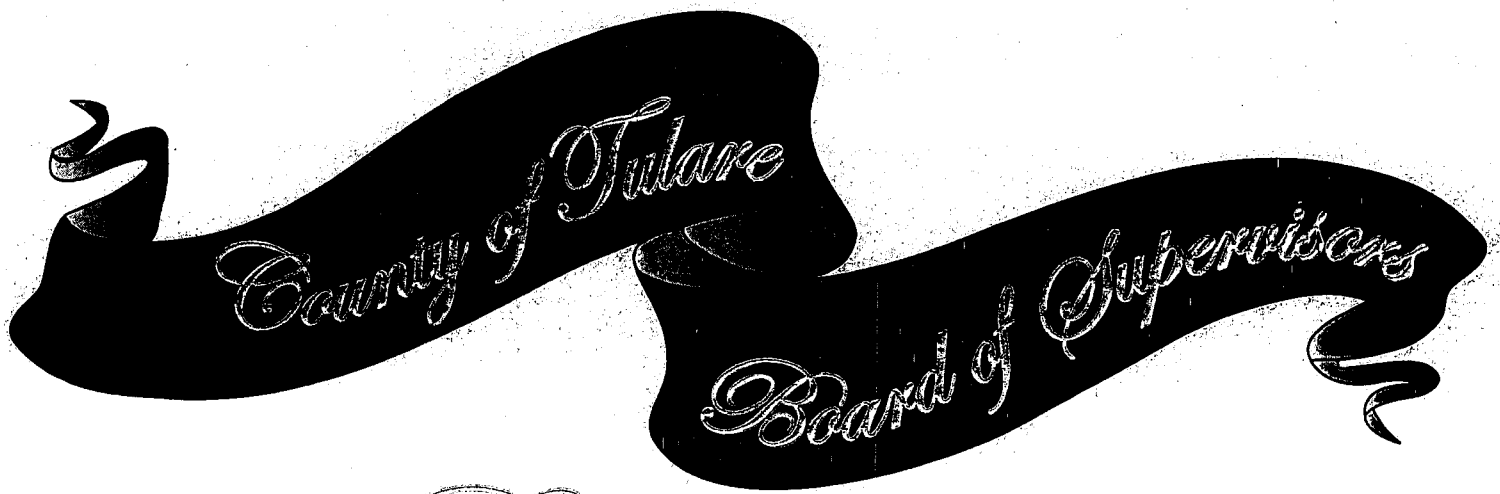
  
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## HONORING MIKE RUBALCABA AS THE TULARE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 2007 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR

The Tulare County Board of Supervisors pays tribute to Mike Rubalcaba as the Tulare County Sheriff's Department 2007 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

Mike was hired by the Tulare County Sheriff's Department in January of 1996. Mike has worked with the Porterville Patrol, Headquarters Patrol, the Agricultural Crimes Unit and Violent Crimes Unit and at the Main Jail. Mike has had an array of special training, which makes him a valuable asset to Tulare County.

On behalf of the people of Tulare County, we pay tribute to Mike Rubalcaba for his dedication and commitment.

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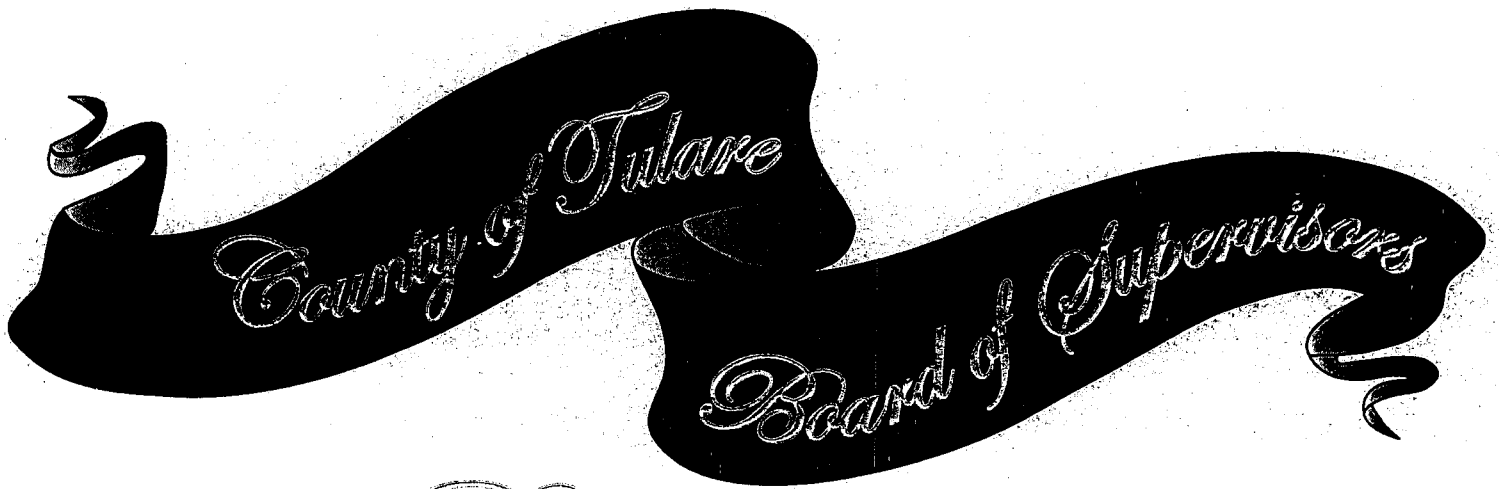
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## HONORING ROB HENRY AS THE VISALIA FIRE DEPARTMENT 2007 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR

The Tulare County Board of Supervisors pays tribute to Rob Henry as the Visalia Fire Department 2007 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

Captain Henry has worked with the Visalia Fire Department since April of 1992. He has served as a firefighter/EMT, engineer, and Captain. Captain Henry is very involved in training, including oversight for his shift and the fire department's reserve program.

Throughout his career, Captain Henry has been involved in technical rescue and hazardous material mitigation. Captain Henry has been involved in several high profile rescues in his career.

On behalf of the people of Tulare County, we pay tribute to Rob Henry for his dedication and commitment.

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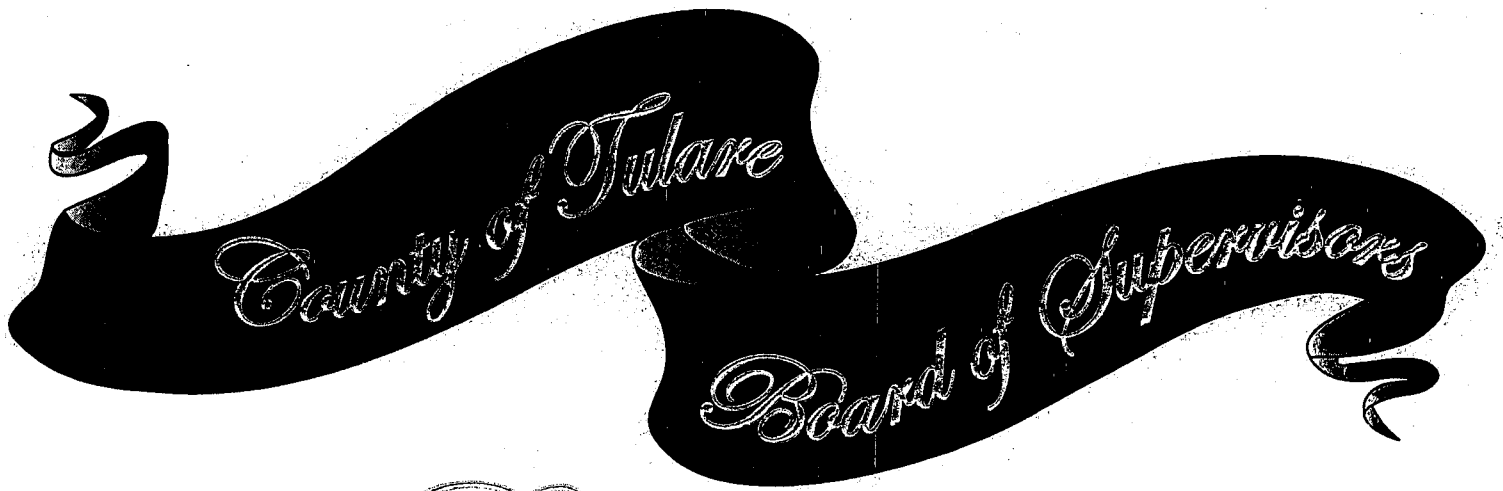
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## HONORING GERALD LINDSAY AS THE TULARE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT 2007 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR

The Tulare County Board of Supervisors pays tribute to Gerald Lindsay as the Tulare County Fire Department 2007 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

Gerald was hired as a paid call firefighter for the Tulare County Fire Department, Station #1, in 1974. Gerald is currently the senior firefighter at Station #1 and has provided his fire company and the citizens served by his station with excellent service. Gerald has gone beyond the call of duty by providing much needed staffing in the absence of permanent full time fire personnel.

On behalf of the people of Tulare County, we pay tribute to Gerald Lindsay for his dedication and commitment.

January 25, 2008

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## **HONORING GREG POWERS AS THE TULARE COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S 2007 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR**

The Tulare County Board of Supervisors pays tribute to Greg Powers as the Tulare County Probation Department's 2007 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

Greg began his career with the Probation Department on September 1, 1996. Since that date, he has served as Campus Probation Officer, Juvenile Supervision Officer and Thunderbolt Officer. Greg is a member of the Gang Unit, which is involved in the multi-agency Tulare County Gang Task Force. Based on his vast experience within the Probation Department, Greg was chosen to develop re-entry plans for gang members and provide intense ongoing supervision services following their return to the community.

On behalf of the people of Tulare County, we pay tribute to Greg Powers for his dedication and commitment.

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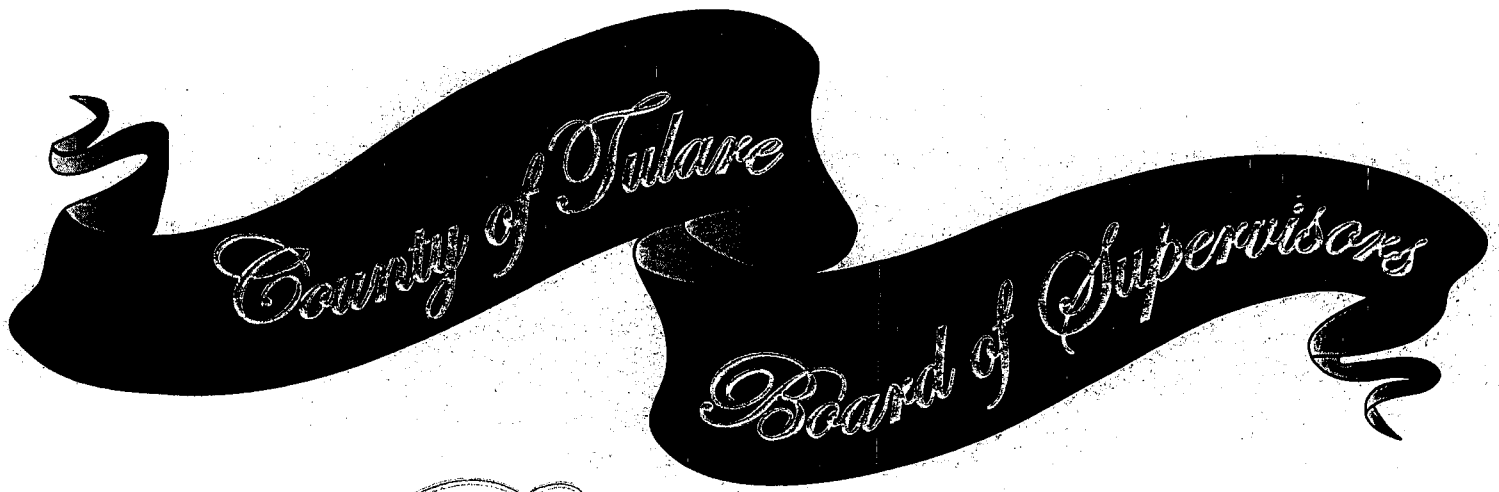
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## HONORING JOE PADDOCK AS THE VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT 2007 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR

The Tulare County Board of Supervisors pays tribute to Joe Paddock as the Visalia Police Department 2007 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

Officer Paddock was hired by the Visalia Police Department in April of 1995. Prior to being employed by the Visalia Police Department, Officer Paddock was employed with the Corcoran Police Department. During his employment with the Visalia Police Department, Officer Paddock has served in the Patrol Unit, Field Training Unit, Youth Services Unit and was also a member of the Basic Car Team. Officer Paddock is currently assigned to the Motors Unit.

On behalf of the people of Tulare County, we pay tribute to Greg Powers for his dedication and commitment.

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## **HONORING TODD ZOCCHI AS THE TULARE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE 2007 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR**

The Tulare County Board of Supervisors pays tribute to Todd Zocchi as the Tulare County District Attorney's Office 2007 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

Todd was hired by the Tulare County District Attorney's Office in March 2004. He has been assigned to the juvenile team, the Visalia felony team, and the adult gang position. Currently, Todd is on the homicide team and is the coordinator for the Tulare County Gang Task Force. In 2007, Todd did four separate jury trials against gang members involved in shootings. Each jury trial resulted in the conviction of the gang members.

On behalf of the people of Tulare County, we pay tribute to Todd Zocchi for his dedication and commitment.

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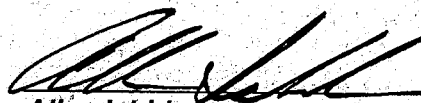
## HONORING LEONOR SERNA AS THE LINDSAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2007 WOMAN OF THE YEAR

**WHEREAS**, Leonor Serna is a dedicated woman. She came to Lindsay as a new bride of Lindsay-native Art Serna in the early 1980's. From that time on, she has dedicated countless hours along with her many talents to the community of Lindsay; and


**WHEREAS**, Leonor participates in numerous community groups including the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, the Lindsay Community Theater, the Orange Blossom Festival Committee, the Lindsay High School FFA, the Lindsay Unified School Board, the Lindsay Unified School Board, the Lindsay Hospital Guild and the UZ PEO Sisterhood; and

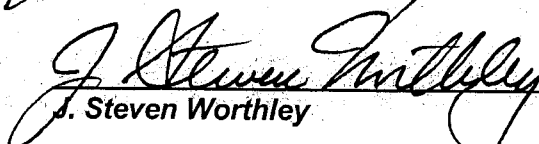
**WHEREAS**, when she isn't participating in numerous community groups, Leonor has helped run three businesses, raise three children, while working full-time at Porterville College; and

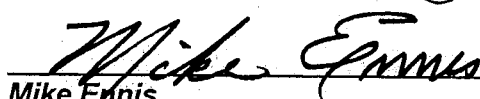
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tulare County Board of Supervisors pays tribute to Leonor Serna for her dedication and commitment to serve others, and for being chosen as the 2007 Woman of the Year by the Lindsay Chamber of Commerce on this day, January 26, 2008.

  
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## HONORING ONO SISTER CITY ORGANIZATION AS THE LINDSAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2007 ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR

**WHEREAS**, the Ono Sister City Organization, which is a part of a citizen diplomacy network to create and strengthen partnerships between the U.S. and communities abroad, is a vital part of the City of Lindsay's past, present and future; and

**WHEREAS**, this exchange program now involves City Hall, the school district, industry tours, a National Park visit as well as a pen pal project and an annual art exhibit. The Sister City Program is a true representation of the democratic ideals that will foster an age of prosperity for the City of Lindsay far into the future; and

**WHEREAS**, when one considers the number of community members directly participating or affected by this exchange program, it is clear that it has been major influence in how Lindsay residents view the world and how outsiders view the City of Lindsay; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tulare County Board of Supervisors pays tribute to the Ono Sister City Organization for its dedication and commitment to serve others, and for being chosen as the 2007 Organization of the Year by the Lindsay Chamber of Commerce on this day, January 26, 2008.

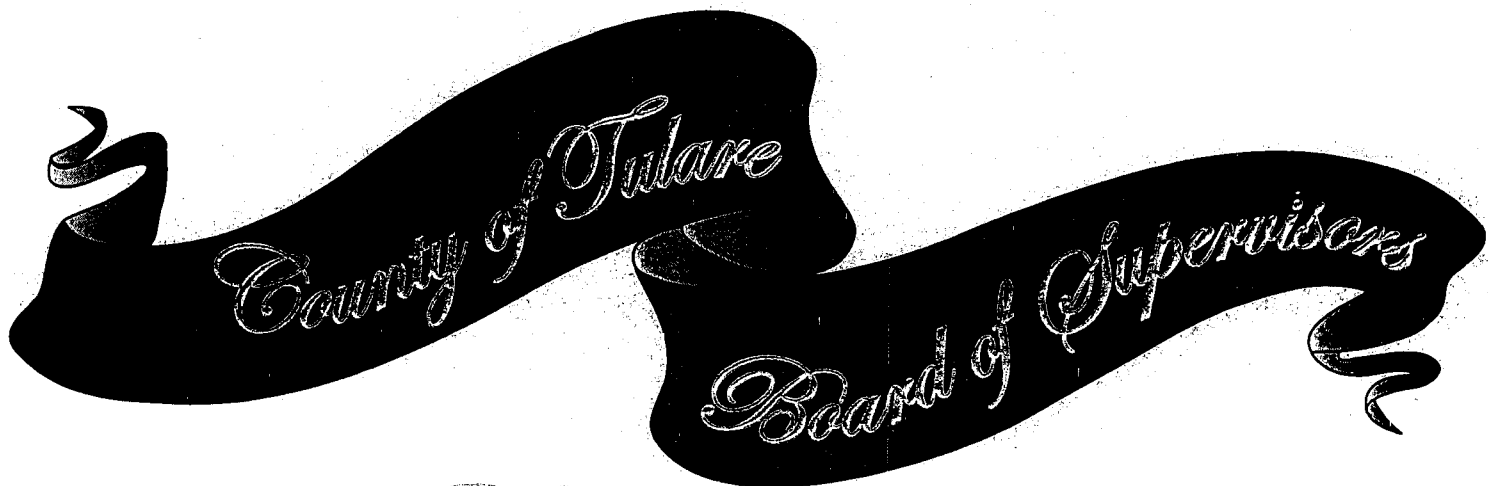
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## **HONORING ELISEO MENDEZ AS THE LINDSAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2007 PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR**

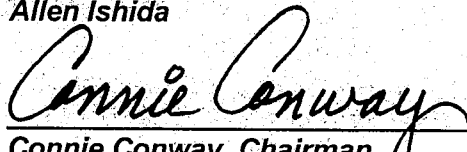
**WHEREAS**, Eliseo Mendez has been employed with the Lindsay Police Department for seven years. Officer Mendez currently works as an Evidence Technician/ Community Service Officer and is attending the police academy at College of the Sequoias; and

**WHEREAS**, during his tenure with the police department, Officer Mendez has held numerous duties. Officer Mendez has worked as a liason between downtown business and the police department in assessing and addressing needs. He has also worked as the police departments live scan operator, and has assisted officers by taking numerous reports; and

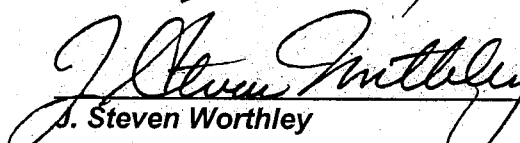
**WHEREAS**, Officer Mendez has excelled in all areas of his position including tasks he took on that weren't necessarily related. Officer Mendez emulates that spirit of cooperation and willingness that makes the Lindsay Police Department one of the best in Tulare County; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tulare County Board of Supervisors pays tribute to Eliseo Mendez for his dedication and commitment to serve others, and for being chosen as the 2007 Man of the Year by the Lindsay Chamber of Commerce on this day, January 26, 2008.

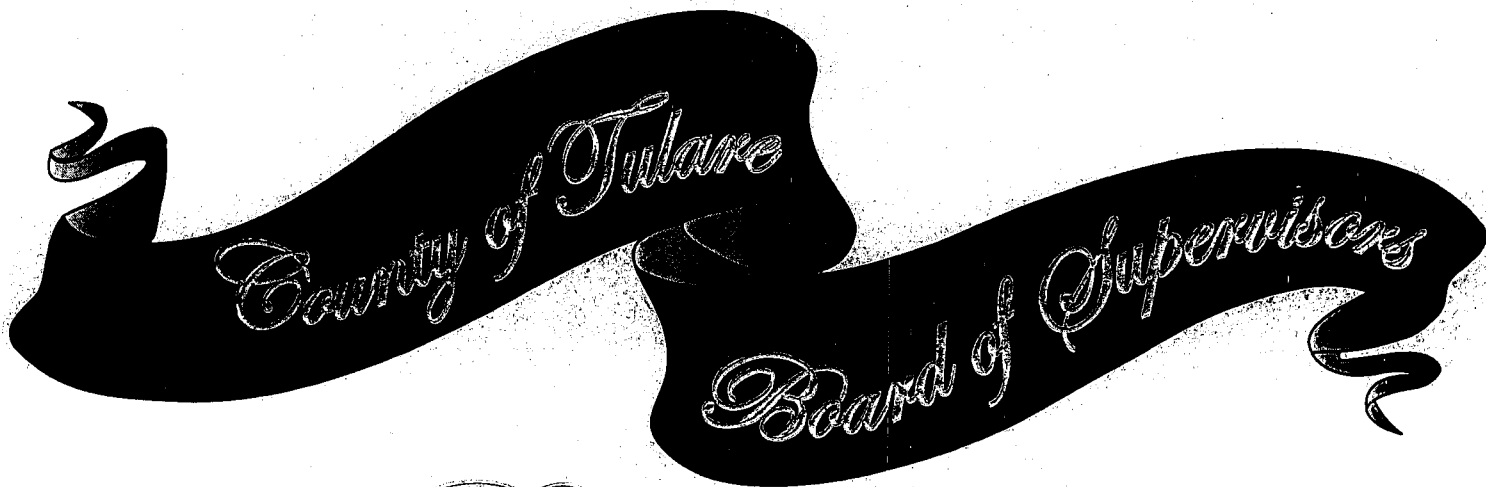
  
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## HONORING BANK OF THE SIERRA AS THE LINDSAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2007 BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

**WHEREAS**, Bank of the Sierra was founded in 1977. Since then, its market has expanded to include Tulare, Kings, and Fresno counties. They are the largest community bank headquartered in the San Joaquin Valley and has served the City of Lindsay for 26 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Bank of the Sierra has a corporate culture that stresses community involvement. In 2004, Bank of the Sierra created the Sierra Grant Program, which focuses on community services, park preservation, and education. Since its inception, the bank has donated more than \$400,000 to local communities in the southern San Joaquin Valley; and

**WHEREAS**, Bank of the Sierra has affected the City of Lindsay by providing entrepreneurship and opportunity for advancement; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tulare County Board of Supervisors pays tribute to Bank of the Sierra for its dedication and commitment to serve others, and for being chosen as the 2007 Business of the Year by the Lindsay Chamber of Commerce on this day, January 26, 2008.

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## HONORING ALFREDO MARTINEZ AS THE LINDSAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2007 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

**WHEREAS**, Alfredo Martinez, the lead custodian at Lindsay High School, is known as an excellent employee; and

**WHEREAS**, Alfredo is an employee that can be counted on to get duties accomplished. He works very hard, cares about his work, and cares about the students; and

**WHEREAS**, when confronted with a problem or issue, Alfredo is quick to look at all sides and make a good decision about what needs to be the next step. The Lindsay Unified School District is lucky to have such an able and conscientious employee as Alfredo Martinez; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tulare County Board of Supervisors pays tribute to Alfredo Martinez for his dedication and commitment to serve others, and for being chosen as the 2007 Employee of the Year by the Lindsay Chamber of Commerce on this day, January 26, 2008.

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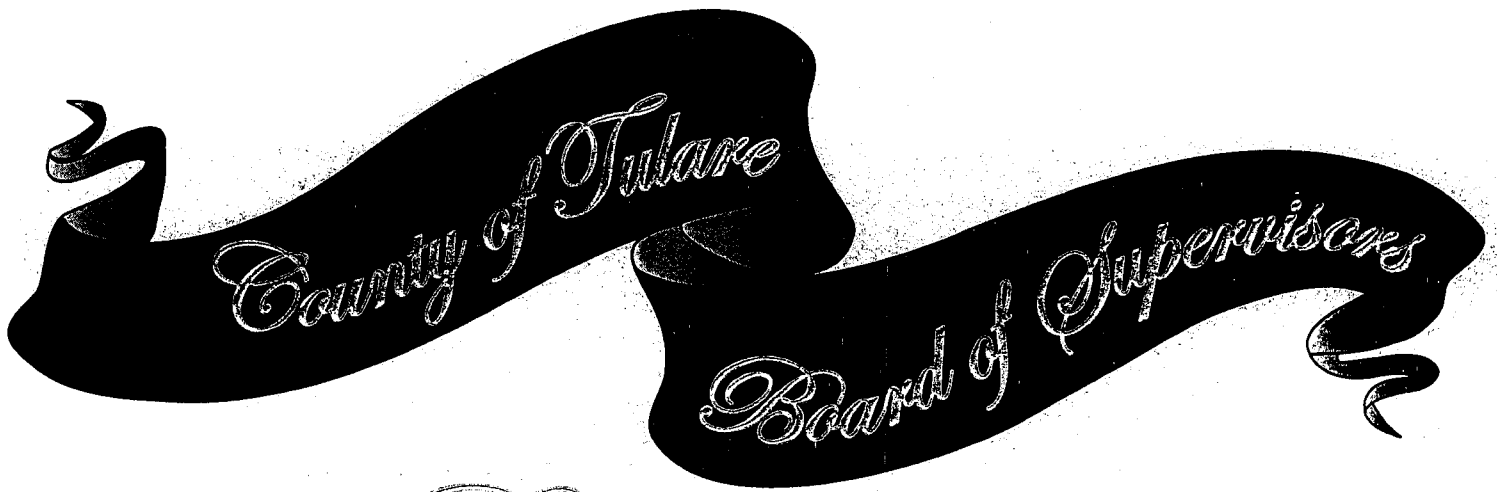
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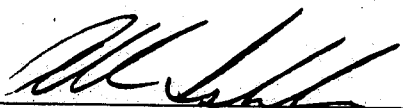
## HONORING ALAN GUIRE AS THE LINDSAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2007 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

**WHEREAS**, Alan has been an energetic and caring individual in the City of Lindsay for years; and

**WHEREAS**, Alan has been involved in numerous organizations, committees, boards, and projects concerned for the betterment of Tulare County and life in Lindsay; and

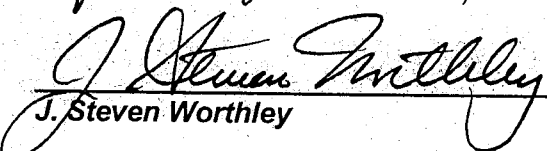
**WHEREAS**, whatever he does, he give 150 percent and works tirelessly to complete every task he takes on. Alan has been and continues to be a genuine asset to the community; and

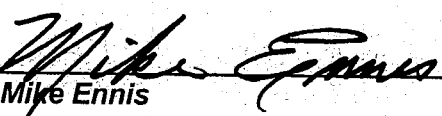
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tulare County Board of Supervisors pays tribute to Alan Guire for his dedication and commitment to serve others, and for being chosen as the 2007 Volunteer of the Year by the Lindsay Chamber of Commerce on this day, January 26, 2008.

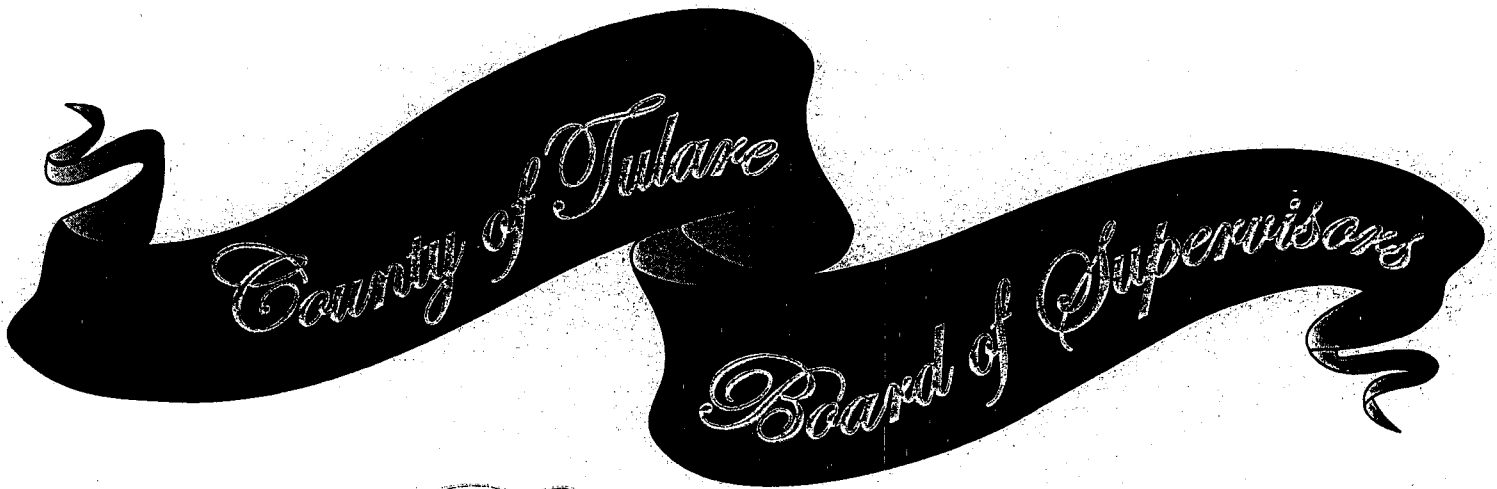
  
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## HONORING HELEN EASTON AS THE LINDSAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2007 AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR

**WHEREAS**, Helen Easton was born in Tennessee, but developed deep roots, both in education and her career, in Tulare County; and

**WHEREAS**, after moving to the City of Lindsay in 1969, Helen became a volunteer for many organizations, including the Chief Executive Officer for the Orange Blossom Parade for 12 years. Helen was honored as the Chamber of Commerce Woman of the Year in 1998; and

**WHEREAS**, Helen continues to be involved in organizations. She also attends every mixer, ribbing cuttings, and any other chamber event; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tulare County Board of Supervisors pays tribute to Helen Easton for her dedication and commitment to serve others, and for being chosen as the 2007 Ambassador of the Year by the Lindsay Chamber of Commerce on this day, January 26, 2008.

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## HONORING ANA DE LA TORRE AS THE LINDSAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2007 PRESIDENTS'S AWARD RECIPIENT

**WHEREAS**, Ana has donated her time and effort, without hesitation, for the well being of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Ana has donated the banquet hall for local church events and for the residents of Lindsay whose loved ones have passed away. She has participated in monthly sidewalk sales, donated money for freeze relief, modeled in the Elegant Attic's Fashion Show twice, and hosted a posada for the children of Lindsay in association with the radio station La Campesina; and

**WHEREAS**, the banquet hall has been used for the migrants Organization of Activists called LUPE, which honored Ana's generosity with an award of appreciation for her help with the program; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tulare County Board of Supervisors pays tribute to Ana de la Torre for her dedication and commitment to serve others, and for being chosen as the 2007 President's Award Recipient by the Lindsay Chamber of Commerce on this day, January 26, 2008.

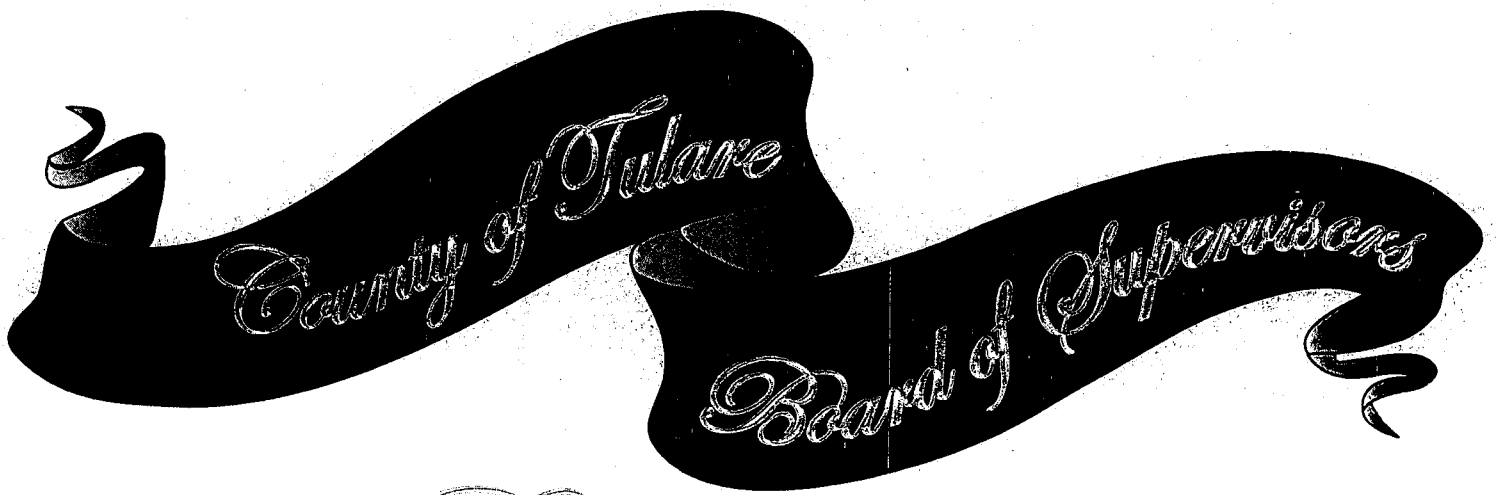
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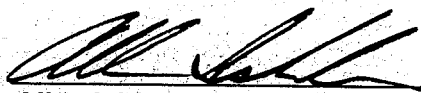
## HONORING SCOT TOWNSEND AS THE LINDSAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2007 MAN OF THE YEAR

**WHEREAS**, Scot Townsend helped acquire more than \$50 million in grant funding for Lindsay, for infrastructure, housing, jobs, recreation, health and parks, before he took his current job as city manager; and

**WHEREAS**, Scot is dedicated to the community and to making a difference for the residents of Lindsay. Through such projects as the McDermott Field House, the Wellness Center, downtown revitalization, field turf at Lindsay High School, he has given the citizens of Lindsay a sense of hope for the future; and

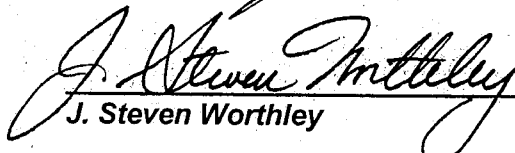
**WHEREAS**, in 20 years of public service in Lindsay, Scot has never sought the spotlight, has been a major consensus builder, bringing the maximum agreement among those involved while drawing on as much of everyone's ideas as possible. Scot always given credit where credit is due, and has demonstrated an amazing ability to bring out the best in people; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tulare County Board of Supervisors pays tribute to Scot Townsend for his dedication and commitment to serve others, and for being chosen as the 2007 Man of the Year by the Lindsay Chamber of Commerce on this day, January 26, 2008.

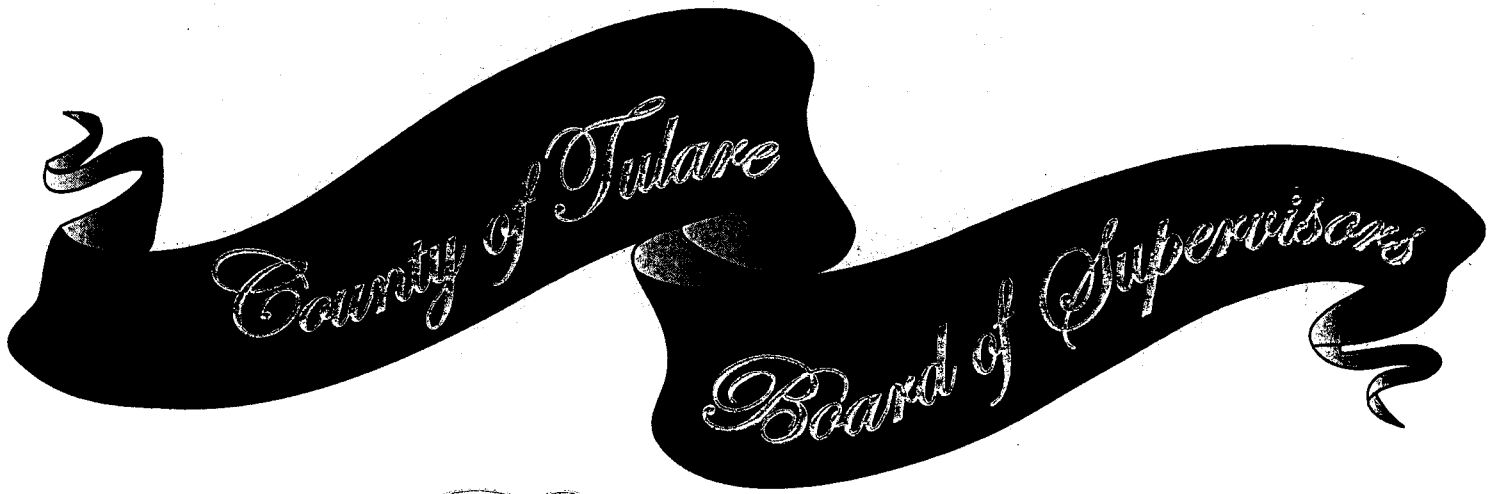
  
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Connie Conway, Chairman

  
Phillip A. Cox, Vice-Chair

  
J. Steven Worthley

  
Mike Ennis



# Proclamation

## HONORING PHILLIP BENDICK FOR HIS YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE IN TULARE COUNTY

The Tulare County Board of Supervisors pays tribute to Phillip Bendick in honor of his 27 years of public service in Tulare County.

Phillip was hired January 26, 1981 as an Office Assistant for the Tulare County Superior Court system. He worked in the Tulare Division until 1995. He then transferred to the Exeter Court as a Court Clerk. In 1999 he was transferred to Porterville due to the closure of the Exeter Division. In 2006, Phillip received the Employee Appreciation Awards for the quarter.

On behalf of the people of Tulare County, we pay tribute to Phillip Bendick for his dedication and commitment.

January 31, 2008

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Allen Ishida

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Connie Conway".

Connie Conway, Chairman

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Phillip A. Cox, Vice Chair

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