



Resolution

RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN CURT TARAS

WHEREAS, on November 11, 2015, Captain Curt Taras served as the Program Grand Marshal for the City of Sacramento Veterans Day Parade; and

WHEREAS, as a Civil Engineer in the United States Air Force, Captain Curt Taras served with distinction on active duty during the final operational years of the Sacramento Air Logistics Center at McClellan Air Force Base from 1994 to 1999; and

WHEREAS, Captain Taras earned the Air Force Commendation Medal for meritorious service for building, maintaining, and transferring facilities on the base following President Clinton's base closure announcement and today it thrives as McClellan Air Park serving the community and employing thousands in the facilities Captain Taras helped maintain and repurpose; and

WHEREAS, during the 1997 California El Nifio floods and levee breaks, Captain Taras earned the Humanitarian Service Medal for his work commanding the evacuation shelters at McClellan AFB where he and his team worked 24 hour shifts over the course of several weeks to provide food, shelter, and comfort to over 3,000 evacuees; and

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, Captain Taras, a US Air Force Reservist, volunteered at the Pentagon after the impact of the American Airline Jetliner and assisted the FBI in conducting a damage assessment using engineering survey equipment which helped document the forensic trajectory of the aircraft; and

WHEREAS, following the 6.0 Napa California Earthquake on August 24, 2014, Captain Taras led a damage assessment team in Downtown Napa entering over 150 partially collapsed buildings tagging them as unsafe for occupancy and later recommending critical structural repairs that allowed residents to safely return to home, school, and work after the earthquake; and

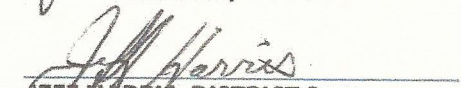
WHEREAS, Captain Taras was honorably discharged from the Air Force on September 30, 2014, and continues to be active in the community serving on the Military Academy Selection Board and working as a Supervising Civil Engineer for the State of California.

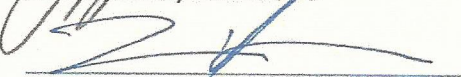
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the city of Sacramento do hereby recognize Captain Curt Taras' outstanding work, selflessly serving above and beyond his assigned duties during his career with the United States Air Force and extend our sincere appreciation for his honorable contributions to our country and community.

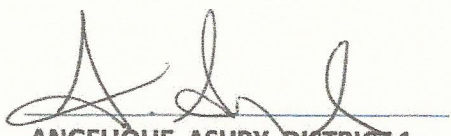
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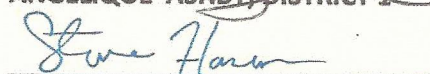
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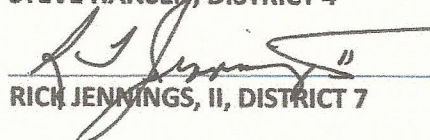

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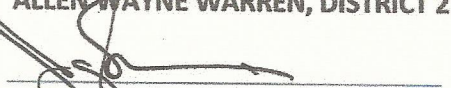

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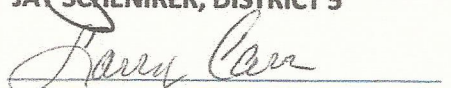

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