

RESOLUTION
of
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARIN COUNTY

COMMENDING
ROBERT BEAUMONT
ON 32 YEARS OF EXCELLENT SERVICE
WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, Monsieur Robert (Bob) Beaumont has been with the Department of Public Works since July of 1982 when he accepted a temporary position as an Assistant Engineer in the Engineering Division, and over the ensuing 31.739 years, serving under five Public Works directors, rose through the organization with fortitude and aplomb; and

WHEREAS, he was appointed by this very Board of Supervisors (including Hal Brown) to lead the Public Works Department as Director on September 24, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Bob accepted the responsibility, liability, and leadership role for the unique accumulation of humanity that is DPW's 220 employees, and for the myriad undertakings in the Department's 16 major divisions, with an uncommon grace, humor, and commitment (to all outward appearances); and

WHEREAS, Bob is known for building roads, bridges, tunnels and structures galore, but is also known for building strong, positive relationships among colleagues, associates, partners and the public; and

WHEREAS, as Director he has been trusted to steward \$280 million of the public's resources and, over the course of his career, was a member of the executive team which administered more than \$2 billion for the greatest possible civic good; and

WHEREAS, "Beaumont," by definition, means "beautiful mountain" in French, which led Bob to wax poetically on the moving of mountains, the view from the mountain, the other side of the mountain, mountains of faith, and occasionally on mountains of paperwork and mountains of bureaucracy; and

WHEREAS, Bob is rumored to be a full-blooded, card-carrying, registered civil engineer, but verification is pending since he chooses to display his profusion of paraphernalia acquired during his travels instead of his certifications and diplomas; and

WHEREAS, Bob's creativity in expression using the English language is matched only by his vast knowledge of vocabulary, spelling, grammar, syntax, punctuation, capitalization, tense, formatting, and style, all practiced with a certain and luminous je ne sais quoi such that no Board letter ever saw the light of day without his fine touch; and

WHEREAS, Bob's characteristic élan and joie de vivre were only truly tested by the Civic Center seismic retrofit and roof leaks -- but we digress; and

WHEREAS, Bob is especially admired for always keeping his cool (to all outward appearances), having the line staff's back in those inevitable moments when duty and controversy converge, and forever finding ways forward with virtually no loss of life; and

WHEREAS, we are all comforted in knowing that the engineer who repaired the storm damage from 1982 and worked to mitigate the worst effects of the storms of 1986, 1995, and 2005, made every decision as if it were his house, his street, his neighborhood, and his neighbors; and

WHEREAS, in dealing with a surfeit of state and federal regulatory agencies, Bob has exhibited amazing feats of patience and diplomacy, never failing to proceed with compétence, capacité, and dextérité; and

WHEREAS, Bob is SORELY missed in reviewing the final draft of this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon his retirement as Director of the Department of Public Works, the Marin County Board of Supervisors wishes to commend Bob for his exemplary service and extend its deepest appreciation for un travail bien fait, share a huge merci beaucoup, and wish him a hearty bon voyage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held on this 25th day of March, 2014.

KATHRIN SEARS – DISTRICT 3, PRESIDENT

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