

RESOLUTION
of
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARIN COUNTY

RECOGNIZING
FRANK J. BERTO
UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE SLEEPY HOLLOW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WHEREAS, the Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District (SHFPD), an autonomous Special District of the State of California, was created by resolution of the Marin County Board of Supervisors in 1949; and

WHEREAS, Frank J. Berto was elected to the SHFPD Board of Directors in 1983 and served with tenacity and distinction for 33 years, making him the longest serving Director in the history of the District; and

WHEREAS, with the merger of Fairfax Fire Department, San Anselmo Fire Department, and Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District in 1987, the Ross Valley Fire Department (RVFD) was founded; and

WHEREAS, Frank served on the RVFD Board representing SHFPD as a non-voting member from 1995 until 2010, and then for an additional three years as a full voting member (one as president in 2012) beginning in 2010 when SHFPD obtained full voting membership rights for its two seats following years of persistent and dogged efforts by Frank and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Frank was a founding member of the Ross Valley Paramedic Authority (1982), served on that Board for 22 years, and was instrumental in ensuring that every emergency medical response into the Sleepy Hollow community and the entire Ross Valley includes highly-trained, well-equipped professional firefighter-paramedics; and

WHEREAS, Frank's contributions to the community extend back over half a century to 1958 when he moved to Sleepy Hollow with his wife Connie to raise their five children, and where they will soon celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary; and, for the span of over a half-century, has demonstrated broad interests and fierce commitment to family and community; and

WHEREAS, Frank served as both Vice-President and President of the Sleepy Hollow Homes Association, was the SHHA Pool Chairman as well as long time Scoutmaster of Troop 50 with two sons achieving the status of Eagle Scout and one as Life Scout; and

WHEREAS, Frank has also been a dedicated parishioner of St. Rita Church in Fairfax for nearly 60 years, has served as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister, a St. Rita School parent-volunteer, and a supporter of the clergy who served at St. Rita over the decades; and

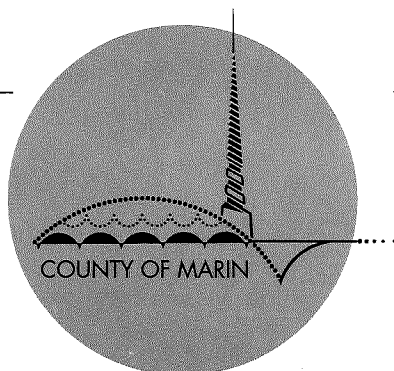
WHEREAS, in addition, Frank managed to find time to become a published author, having written four authoritative books on bicycling, with the best-known being "*The Dancing Chain: History and Development of the Derailleur Bicycle*"; and

WHEREAS, in all his many interests and endeavors, whether elected service, career, or volunteer, Frank has demonstrated dedication, passion, and a unique style of persuasion which will be forever remembered and matched by none!

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin commends and thanks Frank J. Berto for his decades of service and leadership on the Sleepy Hollow Fire Protection District Board, for his many contributions to the broader Ross Valley and County of Marin, and wishes him a rewarding retirement with family and friends in his much loved community, Sleepy Hollow.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 26th day of July 2016.

STEVE KINSEY – SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 4 - PRESIDENT



KATIE RICE – SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 2