

**COMMENDING
VALMAR A. SCHAAF**

WHEREAS, Valmar A. Schaaf, affectionately called "Val", served in the South Pacific for four years of World War II with the 353rd Battalion of the Corps of Engineers, rising from Lieutenant to Captain and was awarded two Bronze stars for heroic or meritorious achievement; and

WHEREAS, Val, expressing his concern for peace and social justice, worked actively against the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, Val, along with his two partners, founded and operated Schaaf, Jacobs, Vinson Civil Engineering, a thirty year Marin County firm with a high reputation for quality. At Val's instigation, all employees of the firm received a living wage and were vested in the retirement fund from the first day of employment, an unheard of provision at the time; and

WHEREAS, Val was a founding member of the Social Justice Center of Marin and served as its first Chairman. While Chair of the Center's Full Employment/Living Wage Taskforce, he spearheaded the successful drive that brought about the passage of Marin's Living Wage Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, for seven years, Val played a leading role on the Committee for Prisoner Humanity and Justice. As a member of the Board of the Prison Law Office in Marin County; he worked against the Patriot Act and advocated for efforts to pass universal health care bills in California; and

WHEREAS, as an active member of Media Action Marin, Val showed leadership and determination in establishing community based access to technology for all Marin residents. His activism continued in his retirement up to the age of 86 and distinguished him as a remarkable community role model.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Marin County Board of Supervisors finds that Val's work truly embodied the concepts of social justice, peace, integrity and respect for all humanity; and hereby extends its deepest appreciation for his life and service to the people of Marin County

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 3rd day of April 2007.