



AGENDA ITEM NO.
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COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: May 15, 2018

Date: May 2, 2018
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Rex Bohn
Subject: Father Michael Cloney's 50th Ordination Anniversary Resolution

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chair to sign the resolution.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: Father Michael Cloney will be celebrating his 50th Ordination Anniversary on May 20, 2018 at St. Bernard's Church with a 10:30 Mass, followed by an open-invitation reception. The Board of Superiors would like to congratulate Father Mike with a Resolution recognizing this monumental occasion.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution.

Prepared by Tracy Damico

Signature 

REVIEW:

Auditor _____ County Counsel _____ Personnel _____ Risk Manager _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:

Consent
 Departmental
 Public Hearing
 Other _____

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____

Meeting of: _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

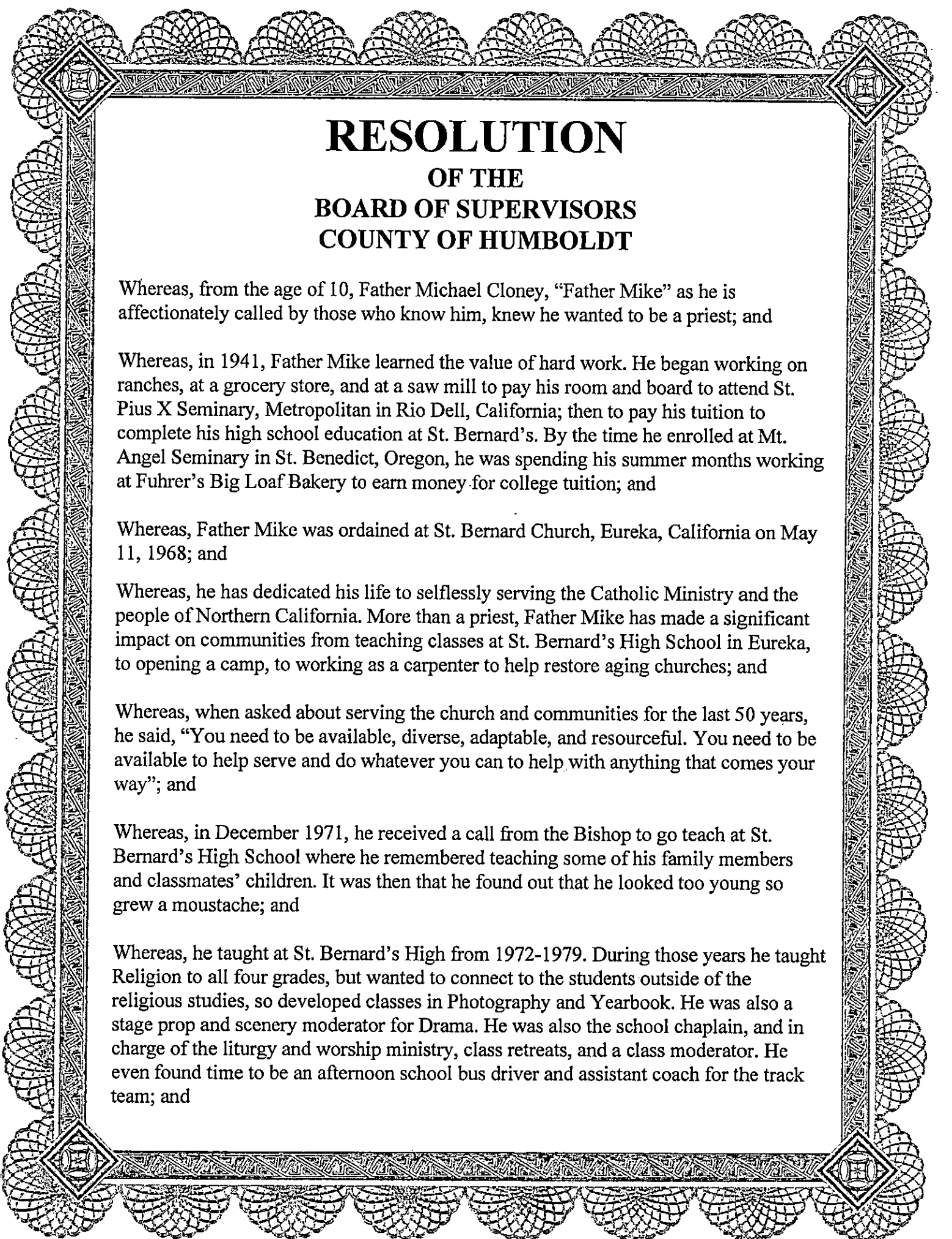
Upon motion of Supervisor *Wilson* Seconded by Supervisor *Bass*

Ayes *Bass, Fennell, Sundberg, Bohn, Wilson*
Nays _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: *5/15/18*

By: 
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board



RESOLUTION

OF THE

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Whereas, from the age of 10, Father Michael Cloney, "Father Mike" as he is affectionately called by those who know him, knew he wanted to be a priest; and

Whereas, in 1941, Father Mike learned the value of hard work. He began working on ranches, at a grocery store, and at a saw mill to pay his room and board to attend St. Pius X Seminary, Metropolitan in Rio Dell, California; then to pay his tuition to complete his high school education at St. Bernard's. By the time he enrolled at Mt. Angel Seminary in St. Benedict, Oregon, he was spending his summer months working at Fuhrer's Big Loaf Bakery to earn money for college tuition; and

Whereas, Father Mike was ordained at St. Bernard Church, Eureka, California on May 11, 1968; and

Whereas, he has dedicated his life to selflessly serving the Catholic Ministry and the people of Northern California. More than a priest, Father Mike has made a significant impact on communities from teaching classes at St. Bernard's High School in Eureka, to opening a camp, to working as a carpenter to help restore aging churches; and

Whereas, when asked about serving the church and communities for the last 50 years, he said, "You need to be available, diverse, adaptable, and resourceful. You need to be available to help serve and do whatever you can to help with anything that comes your way"; and

Whereas, in December 1971, he received a call from the Bishop to go teach at St. Bernard's High School where he remembered teaching some of his family members and classmates' children. It was then that he found out that he looked too young so grew a moustache; and

Whereas, he taught at St. Bernard's High from 1972-1979. During those years he taught Religion to all four grades, but wanted to connect to the students outside of the religious studies, so developed classes in Photography and Yearbook. He was also a stage prop and scenery moderator for Drama. He was also the school chaplain, and in charge of the liturgy and worship ministry, class retreats, and a class moderator. He even found time to be an afternoon school bus driver and assistant coach for the track team; and

Whereas, Father Mike's roots run deep locally. The Cloney family traveled to California from the East Coast during the gold rush and then came to Humboldt County; and

Whereas, after the 1964 flood, he rebuilt the Hoopa and Klamath churches. He spent 19 months helping with construction with the aid of the Mennonites in the Eel River Valley after the 1992 earthquakes. In 1983 he was declared "Man of the Year" in Crescent City. The list of accolades for serving his communities and the church goes on and is quite remarkable; and

Whereas, by the time he retired in 2015 at the young age of 73, Father Mike had put himself to work for the good of all communities he served. He had worked as an associate pastor, a high school chaplain and religion teacher; chaplain and developer of a summer camp program; Pastor of five parishes and four elementary schools. He served in Napa, Sonoma, Mendocino, Humboldt, and Del Norte counties; and

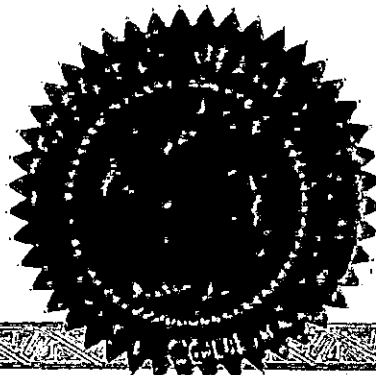
Whereas, when asked about his legacy of service, Father Mike said, "My life's attitude and value was to serve where I was called by the Bishop. I was free to enter into a new ministry with openness and adventure. My challenge was to serve the spiritual, physical, emotional and intellectual needs of the people of all ages. I have been gifted by God to shepherd my people for fifty years"; and


Whereas, even in his retirement Father Mike continues to help by serving daily at the St. Vincent de Paul dining facility, and had offered yearly extreme weather housing in McKinleyville; and was a member of the McKinleyville Organizing Committee (MOC). He also continues to support our local parishes by celebrating mass on an as-needed basis; and

Whereas, Father Mike has given his time, energy, talents and prayers to every county in which he has served. His 50th Ordination is a milestone for him, for the Catholic community, and the community at large.

Therefore, be it Resolved, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors congratulated Father Mike on his 50th Ordination Anniversary and thanks him for this dedication to his community.

DATED: May 15, 2018




Ryan Sundberg, Chair