



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

C-2

For the meeting of: March 14, 2017

Date: March 7, 2017
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Estelle Fennell
Subject: Resolution Recognizing David Stockton on his Retirement as Executive Director of the Visitor Center in Humboldt Redwoods State Park

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors ratify authorization for the Chair to sign the Resolution.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: The Board would like to extend their best wishes to David Stockton on his retirement and sincerely thank him for his hard work and dedication to the citizens of Humboldt County.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution.

Prepared by Kathy Hayes

Signature Estelle Fennell

REVIEW:

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

TYPE OF ITEM:

☒ Consent
☐ Special Presentation
☐ Departmental
☐ Public Hearing
☐ Other _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Upon motion of Supervisor Wilson
Seconded by Supervisor Sundberg
And unanimously carried by those members present,
The Board hereby adopts the recommended action
contained in this report.

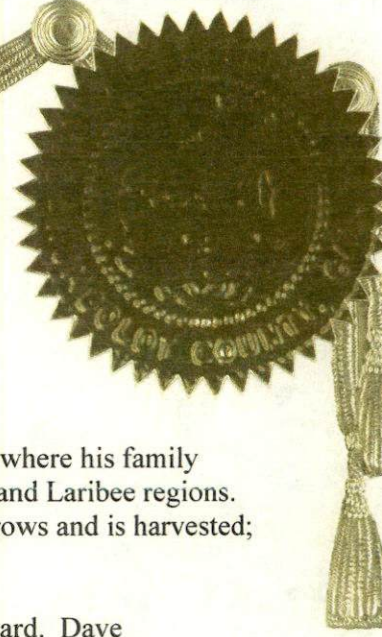

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____

Meeting of: _____

Dated: Mar 14, 2017
Ana Hartwell, Deputy Clerk of the Board

By: Ana Hartwell



RESOLUTION

of the
Board of Supervisors
County of Humboldt

WHEREAS, LaVerne (Dave) Stockton spent most of his life in Humboldt County, where his family homesteaded in the Mattole Valley and along the Eel River in Shively, Holmes Flat and Larabee regions. He still owns family property at Holmes Flat where his father's apple orchard still grows and is harvested; and

WHEREAS, while Dave was in College, the devastating 1964 flood hit his family hard. Dave immediately returned home to help his family and fellow residents in their recovery efforts as well as document the devastation left by the flood; and

WHEREAS, after serving honorably in the Army during the Vietnam War, Dave began working in the lumber industry for Eel River Saw Mills, where he excelled in a management position; and

WHEREAS, in late 1980, Dave became interested in the newly acquired Holmgren Homestead near Miranda, and joined the Humboldt Redwood State Park Interpretive Association, dedicated to the mission of interpreting the redwoods to the public; and

WHEREAS, at age 55, Dave retired from the lumber business and made a career move. He accepted a position as Executive Director of the Visitor Center in Humboldt Redwoods State Park, and along with former District 2 Supervisors Harry Pritchard, and the HRIA Board was able to expand the size of the Visitor Center by adding a wing on the south side that doubled the size of the building, allowing for exhibits of stuffed birds and animals, and a multi-media room; and

WHEREAS, Dave has worked tirelessly with volunteers and State Park employees to share the unique aspects of the redwood region with millions of visitors. His knowledge of the redwoods and trail systems in the park is second to none. He knows where all the tallest and largest trees are located and has assisted instructors with scientific research, and Hollywood filmmakers with locations and technical assistance; and

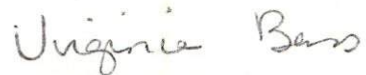
WHEREAS, Dave co-authored two Arcadia Press history books; one titled "The 1964 Flood" and the other describing the unique history of the Humboldt Redwoods State Park area. He has been a member of the Redcrest Grange for most of his life and also served on the Fortuna Historical Commission for two terms; and

WHEREAS, after fifteen years of managing the Visitor Center, at age seventy, Dave decided to retire to spend more time with family but still remains as an active participant and member of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Dave's life represents the power of working as a volunteer and serving his community, and his greatest achievement remains his ability to work together with people from all walks of life to create positive change.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, hereby commends and thanks Dave Stockton for his dedicated years of service to the citizens of Humboldt County and wish him a long, productive, well deserved retirement.

DATED: March 11, 2017


VIRGINIA BASS, Chair