

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Certified copy of portion of proceedings, Meeting of February 7, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 23-16

**RESOLUTION IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE OF FORMER HUMBOLDT COUNTY SUPERVISOR SAMUEL BUD MERRYMAN, JR.**

**WHEREAS**, Former Humboldt County Supervisor Sam Merryman passed away on May 13, 2010 at the age of 85; and

**WHEREAS**, Sam was born and raised at Moonstone Beach where from a very young age worked his land first as a rancher, then as a successful and passionate restaurateur. Sam ran Merryman's Restaurant for 38 years and operated the Beach House until the night before his passing; and

**WHEREAS**, Merryman's hosted the California Coastal Commission at the restaurant when they came to Humboldt and Sam was always involved, especially in economic and natural resources, and like many people of his age, saw the world changing around him; and

**WHEREAS**, a giant public figure, Samuel Bud Merryman, served as the 5<sup>th</sup> District Humboldt County Supervisor from 1955 to 1962, and was an active member of the Humboldt County business community; and

**WHEREAS**, while Chairman of the Board in 1959, Sam and other supervisors fought against diversion of Trinity River water to the Central Valley. He had the foresight to procure a contract with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for 50,000 acre feet of water to be released for use in Humboldt County, a contract that was especially important in coming years. What an incredible legacy to leave behind; and


**WHEREAS**, Sam was a dedicated servant to his community and many local organizations and foundations. He was a fierce advocate for his county, a philanthropist and he highly valued and supported many educational institutions; and

**WHEREAS**, in memory of former Humboldt County Supervisor Samuel Bud Merryman, and to honor his tremendous contributions to his community, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors is requesting the dedication of a portion of State Route 101 (milepost marker 95 to milepost marker 97 near Moonstone Beach) in his memory; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board also respectfully requests that a Joint Resolution be proposed in both houses of the California legislature to designate an area on State Route 101 in Humboldt County in memory of former Humboldt County Supervisor Sam Merryman. A memorial on State Highway 101 near Moonstone Beach would be an outstanding way to honor his life and legacy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors wishes to honor the life and legacy of former Humboldt County Supervisor Sam Merryman and wholeheartedly supports the naming of a section of State Route Highway 101 near Moonstone Beach in his memory.

Dated: February 7, 2023

  
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STEVE MADRONE, Chair  
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors


Adopted on motion by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Bushnell, and the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors -- Bushnell, Madrone, Bohn, Wilson, Arroyo  
NAYS: Supervisors --  
ABSENT: Supervisors --  
ABSTAIN: Supervisors --

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
County of Humboldt )

I, KATHY HAYES, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Humboldt, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be an original made in the above-entitled matter by said Board of Supervisors at a meeting held in Eureka, California.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Board of Supervisors.

  
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By NICOLE TURNER  
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Humboldt, State of California