

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

For the meeting of: May 12, 2015

Date:

May 6, 2015

To:

Board of Supervisors

From:

Supervisor Estelle Fennell

Subject:

Resolution Honoring Congressman Mike Thompson for 25 Years of Service to the Public

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

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: Congressman Mike Thompson is celebrating 25 years of service to the public at an event being held in his honor on May 24th, 2015 at the Hall Winery in Napa. The Board of Supervisors would like to honor Congressman Thompson with a Resolution of Distinction for his achievements and commitment to serving the citizens of California.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution.

Prepared by Kathy Hayes Signature REVIEW: Auditor County Counsel Personnel Risk Manager TYPE OF ITEM: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT Consent Seconded by Supervisor 3255 Departmental **Public Hearing** Nays PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL: Abstain Absent Board Order No. and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the Meeting of: recommended action contained in this Board report.

Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

RESOLUTION

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

WHEREAS, in 1990, Congressman Mike Thompson was the first Vietnam veteran elected to the California State Senate representing California's 2nd District. He served in combat with the U.S. Army as a staff sergeant/platoon leader with the 173rd Airborne Brigade where he was wounded and received a Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, Congressman Thompson was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. For his first seven terms, Congressman Thompson represented the former 1st Congressional district, which stretched from the far northern portion of the San Francisco Bay Area all the way to the North Coast. However, as a result of the 2010 census and the subsequent redistricting, his district was renumbered as the 5th District and was made somewhat more compact, losing most of its northern portion including Humboldt, to the 2nd District; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Thompson is the co-founder and co-chair of the bipartisan Congressional Wine Caucus, which consists of over 215 U.S. Senators and House members. He is also a member and former co-chair of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus and a member of the Blue Dog Coalition, composed of moderate Democrats committed to bipartisan problem solving; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Thompson is recognized in Congress and throughout his district as a moderate Democrat who has built a solid reputation for bipartisan problem solving. While serving in the State Senate he authored California's landmark Welfare Reform Act with Republican Senator Ken Maddy; and

WHEREAS, as an avid outdoorsman, Congressman Thompson is committed to preserving California's beautiful lands, and was awarded the Sierra Clubs "Edgar Wayburn" Award for passing legislation that permanently protected 273,000 acres of wilderness in Northern California. The award is given in recognition of service to the environment by a person in government; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Thompson is a small vineyard owner and was the maintenance supervisor for the Beringer Winery. He has taught Public Administration and State Government at San Francisco State University and California State University, Chico where he received his Master's in Public Administration; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Mike Thompson is married to Janet Thompson, a Family Nurse Practitioner and has two sons, a firefighter and a deputy sheriff, and three wonderful granddaughters.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVED, that a grateful Humboldt County Board of Supervisors wishes to honor Congressman Mike Thompson for his 25 years of public service and for his commitment to serving the citizens of California.

Dated:

May 12, 2015

Estelle Fennell, Chair