

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
BOARD ACTION SUMMARY**

DEPT: Aging and Veteran Services

BOARD AGENDA: 5.A.4
AGENDA DATE: May 8, 2018

SUBJECT:

Approval of the Commendations for Stanislaus County Outstanding Senior Citizens in Celebration of Older Americans Month in May

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-0199

On motion of Supervisor Chiesa Seconded by Supervisor Withrow
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Olsen, Chiesa, Withrow, Monteith, and Chairman DeMartini


Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

- 1) Approved as recommended
- 2) Denied
- 3) Approved as amended
- 4) Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST: 
ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

File No.

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CONSENT:

CEO CONCURRENCE: YES

4/5 Vote Required: No

SUBJECT:

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve Commendations for Stanislaus County Outstanding Senior Citizens of the Year.

DISCUSSION:

The month of May is officially recognized as 'Older Americans Month' throughout the nation, and senior citizens around the nation are recognized for their contributions to our country. In Stanislaus County, five outstanding senior citizens, one from each Supervisorial District, are selected for their volunteer work in any of the following areas: community service, humanitarianism, leadership, political advocacy, or being a good neighbor. Seniors were nominated from the community at large, and the five 'Senior Award Winners' who were selected by the Senior Award committee have made invaluable contributions to the growth and prosperity of our community. These seniors are:

Supervisorial District 1: Mr. Ernest Ray Richardson (Modesto)
Supervisorial District 2: Mr. Joe Madden (Modesto)
Supervisorial District 3: Ms Sterling Fountain (Modesto)
Supervisorial District 4: Mr. & Mrs. Bill & Marsha Silveira (Modesto)
Supervisorial District 5: Ms Delores Raymundo (Patterson)

The Board of Supervisors' presentation of the Senior Commendations to their respective constituents is very meaningful to the Senior Award winners.

POLICY ISSUE:

The Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors have presented Resolutions to their respective District's Senior Award Winner since the late 1980's during their evening meeting in May.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PRIORITY:

The recommended actions are consistent with the Boards' priority of *Supporting Community Health* by recognizing the importance of senior residents in Stanislaus County and the contributions they make to the county's quality of life.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There is no staffing impact associated with this item.

CONTACT PERSON:

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ATTACHMENT(S):

1. 2018 Senior Award Commendations (5)

**RECOGNIZING ERNEST RAY RICHARDSON
OUTSTANDING SENIOR CITIZEN OF STANISLAUS COUNTY ~ DISTRICT 1**

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors wishes to acknowledge the outstanding service and commitment of senior citizens; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Ernest Ray Richardson served in the United States Air Force for 16 years, providing support during the Korean and Vietnam War eras; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Richardson is currently volunteering, and has done so for the past 19 years, as a Board Member for the Central Valley Opportunity Center (CVOC), serving as the Chairperson for 6 years, and various other committees over the years. CVOC provides employment, skills training, education, and emergency services to farm workers and underserved members of our communities; and,

WHEREAS, Ernest is currently volunteering, and has done so for the past 14 years, as a Board Member for the local Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP). EFSP provides direct emergency assistance through food distribution, emergency shelter/rent/mortgage and/or utility assistance to low/very low income individuals and families; and,

WHEREAS, he was a Kiwanis Club member for 5 years, volunteering for their various programs, such as being a Salvation Army Kettle Bell Ringer at the mall, and building fences and planting lawns for houses for a rehabilitation program that reunites troubled children with their mothers; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Ernest Ray Richardson personally volunteered several years in the airport neighborhood to help clean up the area as well as repair fences; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Richardson is currently volunteering, and has done so for the past 2 years, as a Board Member for the GRID Alternatives Central Valley, as a representative for Stanislaus County. GRID offers energy technology and training accessible to underserved communities, and provides hands-on experience in the solar industry and related fields. This program also coordinates with local high schools and many students volunteer to learn 'how-to', and then help install solar panels; and,

WHEREAS, Ernest volunteered on the 'Pit Crew' for Johansen High School's band for 2 years, and served on the Stanislaus County Civil Grand Jury for 1 year; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Ernest Ray Richardson was a VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) volunteer for 1 year. He was IRS-certified to help taxpayers who had special needs, were low-income, had disabilities, were elderly, or were non-English-speaking, with their basic tax returns; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Richardson is truly dedicated and committed to helping less fortunate individuals and families in accessing services, education, and/or training that will improve their quality of life. His longstanding volunteer work has impacted not only those people he wants to help, but also many of his peers, as they have been inspired by the commitment and dedication he shows at the age of 85.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby thank Mr. Ernest Ray Richardson for his exceptional contributions to Stanislaus County and congratulates him for being an Outstanding Senior Citizen for District 1.

**RECOGNIZING JOE MADDEN
OUTSTANDING SENIOR CITIZEN OF STANISLAUS COUNTY ~ DISTRICT 2**

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors wishes to acknowledge the outstanding service and commitment of senior citizens; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Joe Madden is a Korean War Veteran who served in the United States Air Force for 4 years; and,

WHEREAS, he is a 12-year member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 5059 in Turlock and is a 4-year member of the Korean War Veterans Association, Chapter 203 of Turlock, and is currently serving as President of this Chapter; and,

WHEREAS, Joe voluntarily drove homebound Veterans to their medical appointments in Modesto, Palo Alto, Livermore, San Francisco, or wherever needed, using his personal vehicle and gasoline for over 5 years starting in 2008 when he found out there were approximately 80 Veterans in Stanislaus County who had no way of getting to their appointments, except through an entire day-long process. Most of these Veterans were too frail and required assistance, and where unable to endure a long ordeal like that. When he got to the point where he was driving 5 days a week, he recruited his brother and another person to drive as well; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Joe Madden was appointed by the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors as an At-Large Member of the newly created Stanislaus County Veterans Advisory Commission (VAC) in 2012, and he became the Chair of the VAC's Transportation Committee as soon as the Committee was created. He was dedicated and persistent in getting an established program in place to assist these Veterans. His persistence paid off, as two handicapped-accessible vans were donated by Paratransit Inc. and the Welcome Home Heroes Program with U.S. Congressman Jeff Denham's help in 2014. The Veterans Administration (VA) agreed to cover the fuel and repair costs for both vehicles; and,

WHEREAS, Joe is a perfect example of "Veterans helping Veterans", in his dedication of helping those who have served this Country stay as healthy as possible, by making sure they get to their medical appointments. His compassion for them is a tribute to *his* service to our Country and to his fellow Veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby thank Mr. Joe Madden for his exceptional contributions to the citizens of Stanislaus County and congratulates him for being the Outstanding Senior Citizen for District 2.

**RECOGNIZING STERLING FOUNTAIN
OUTSTANDING SENIOR CITIZEN OF STANISLAUS COUNTY ~ DISTRICT 3**

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors wishes to acknowledge the outstanding service and commitment of senior citizens; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Sterling Fountain has been a member of the Progressive Missionary Baptist Church for 43 years, volunteering in a variety of capacities over the years: Youth Department Director, Trustee, Church Program Coordinator, and more; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Fountain has been a member of the Soroptimist International of Modesto for over 28 years, serving in a variety of offices including Director, Board Member, President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Chair of the Annual Mardi Gras Fundraiser, and was also chosen as Soroptimist of the Year in 2003. She has also been a member of the Soroptimist International of Modesto Sierra Pacific Region for 4 years, serving as Chair of the Youth Citizenship Award committee, Region Secretary, and Conference Coordinator; and,

WHEREAS, Sterling has been an active volunteer with the King Kennedy Center (KKC) for many years: 20 years with the KKC Women's Auxiliary, she is a founding member, and has also served as President and Secretary at various times; she has 13 years as a member of the King Kennedy Memorial Center Board of Directors, currently she is serving as President; 13 years as a member of the King Kennedy Senior Group, serving as Secretary, Chair of the luncheon and activity programs, and currently is the President; and,

WHEREAS, she was an active PTA member within Modesto City Schools for 12 years and served on the Modesto City School Board of Education's Advisory Committee for 2 years; she was a Mentor for the Special Programs Department for Modesto Junior College for 2 years; volunteered with the Girl Scouts for 9 years, serving as a Board Member, and as a Member/Chair of the Nominating Committee; she voluntarily provides transportation for disabled persons when needed in her handicapped- equipped van; she served as United Way Campaign Coordinator for the Modesto Irrigation District for 6 years; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Sterling Fountain was a City of Modesto Affirmative Action Commissioner for 4 years; has served for 4 years with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) as Membership Chairman and Founder Advisor of Young Achievers; and,

WHEREAS, she is serving her second year as an Advisory Committee Member for the West Modesto Boys & Girls Club of Stanislaus County and served 1 year as a Board Member on the West Modesto Collaborative; and,

WHEREAS, Sterling has committed herself to service for the betterment of the Westside for many years and her dedicated volunteerism has greatly benefited the youth and senior citizens in that community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby thank Ms. Sterling Fountain for her exceptional contributions to the citizens of Stanislaus County and congratulates her for being the Outstanding Senior Citizen for District 3.

**RECOGNIZING BILL & MARSHA SILVEIRA
OUTSTANDING SENIOR CITIZENS OF STANISLAUS COUNTY ~ DISTRICT 4**

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors wishes to acknowledge the outstanding service and commitment of senior citizens; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Bill Silveira served in the United States Air Force for 2 years during the Vietnam War era; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. & Mrs. Bill and Marsha Silveira have been active volunteers for over 28 years with the Society for disABILITIES in various capacities:

- Bill is very instrumental in the Adaptive Winter Ski Program: he recruits skiers and snowboarders to help; he helps set up the adaptive ski equipment at Dodge Ridge, and then serves as a Ski Guide on the slopes. He is also a dedicated fundraiser for the Ski-a-thon, Snowfest! seeking out financial sponsors and recruits other skiers to help.
- He helps with the Adaptive Bowling Program; as well as the Adaptive Water Ski Program-securing boats to use for this activity and the Bike Camp.
- He helps with the Loan Closet Program, making sure the durable medical equipment is clean, working, and ready to be loaned out.
- He helps with set-up and clean-up for activities such as the Wild West Gala and the Warren Miller Film Fest.
- He is also a very helpful handyman around the office.
- Marsha is instrumental in the various fundraising activities, recruiting sponsors and auction items, and in tickets sales.
- She donates many hours, getting auction items prepared/displayed for the big event and she helps with the registration of participants at many of the recreational, social, and educational programs; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Marsha Silveira has faithfully volunteered for over 20 years helping a friend who has had serious health issues, shopping for this individual as well as providing transportation to appointments; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Silveira was the Volunteer Coordinator of the Sign Language Club (an after-school activity) at Rose Avenue School in Modesto for 15 years; and,

WHEREAS, for 8 years Marsha has been involved with the Ceres Rotary Club's- Read-a-Thon program and she is currently volunteering at Fair Oaks Elementary School in Oakdale with "Art Core", a special program for art and has been doing this for over 4 years; and,

WHEREAS, both Bill and Marsha have unselfishly given of their time and talents to help the Society for disABILITIES for many years, not only in fundraising and hands-on help, but also by having a direct impact on those persons with disabilities, as well as others they have inspired to come alongside and volunteer with them. When they first started volunteering, the Society served around 150 people a year and in 2017, over 6,000 people were served. There have been hundreds of people who were the fortunate recipients of the generosity of Bill and Marsha's commitment to help others; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby thank Bill and Marsha Silveira for their exceptional contributions to the citizens of Stanislaus County and congratulate them for being the Outstanding Senior Citizens for District 4.

**RECOGNIZING DELORES RAYMUNDO
OUTSTANDING SENIOR CITIZEN OF STANISLAUS COUNTY ~ DISTRICT 5**

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors wishes to acknowledge the outstanding service and commitment of senior citizens; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Delores Raymundo has been actively involved, for over 10 years, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church's Eucharist Ministry in Patterson and a cook for the Church's Food Ministry for the Homeless for 3 years; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Raymundo has been volunteering for over 10 years for the Congregate Senior Meals Program at the Hammon Senior Center, whenever her help is needed. She also helps with craft projects at the Center, supplying materials and teaching others how to make various items, as well as making craft items and donating them to the Senior Center for its fundraisers and raffles; and,

WHEREAS, Delores has voluntarily been providing transportation for over 10 years to those who need to get to a medical appointment, get groceries, etc.; and,

WHEREAS, she has made and donated baby hats/caps to the Turlock Pregnancy Center for several years, as well as making and donating tiny baby caps for the Premie Ward in a San Francisco hospital. In addition, she makes and donates adult caps for the homeless people in Patterson; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Delores Raymundo voluntarily picks up gift items for El Solyo Village Senior Apartment games and activities program held every Thursday, and has been doing this for several years; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Raymundo is serving her second 2-year term on the Hammon Senior Center Board, and has just recently been nominated for the office of Vice President; and,

WHEREAS, Delores is a very compassionate person who serves the less fortunate willingly and lovingly shares her skills in craft-making with others, and in so doing has been an inspiration to others to be more like her.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby thank Delores Raymundo for her exceptional contributions to the citizens of Stanislaus County and congratulates her for being the Outstanding Senior Citizen for District 5.