

DEPARTMENT:

Board

BY:

PHONE:

966-3222

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes\_\_\_ No\_X\_)

Adopt resolution to be presented at the Memorial Service for Gertrude Taber recognizing her outstanding service to Mariposa County.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

None.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

COSTS: (X) Not Applicable

- A. Budgeted current FY \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Total anticipated costs \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Required additional funding \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Internal transfers \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SOURCE: ( ) 4/5ths Vote Required

- A. Unanticipated revenues \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. Reserve for contingencies \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. Source description: \_\_\_\_\_
- Balance in Reserve for Contingencies, if approved: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

List the attachments and number the pages consecutively:

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CLERK'S USE ONLY:

Res. No.: 96-380 Ord. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vote - Ayes: 3 Noes: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Absent: Neilby Richard Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approved ( ) Denied ( )  
 Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary ( )

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ATTEST: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board  
 County of Mariposa, State of California  
 By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Deputy

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

This item on agenda as:

- Recommended
- Not Recommended
- For Policy Determination
- Submitted with Comment
- Returned for Further Action

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

A.O. Initials: [Signature]

**MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NUMBER 96-**

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING GERTRUDE "GERT" R. TABER FOR HER  
OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO MARIPOSA COUNTY,  
AND MORE PARTICULARLY FOR FULFILLING HER ROLE AS  
DISTRICT V SUPERVISOR WITH DEDICATION AND INTEGRITY**

**WHEREAS**, the passing of **GERTRUDE "GERT" R. TABER**, our dear friend and beloved supervisor, has affected the people of Mariposa County with deep sadness and acute awareness of a great loss of a cherished friend and devoted County official; and

**WHEREAS**, **GERT** was first elected to the office of District V Supervisor in the General Election of November 1979 and took office November 13, 1979, and while serving in this capacity has provided the County of Mariposa with seventeen years of dedicated and responsible service and had the distinction of being the first woman elected to the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors and had affectionately become known as "the first lady of Mariposa"; and

**WHEREAS**, during **GERT's** four plus terms of office, **GERT** fulfilled her responsibilities as a Supervisor with integrity and sincere concern in supporting, establishing, or addressing the following issues of concern: modern zoning ordinances and land use policies for Mariposa County, including rewriting of Title 17; County "window period" commercial rezonings; support for agricultural interests, specifically the Williamson Act; Mariposa County Courthouse restoration project and preservation, resulting in many awards; road improvement and circulation policy; protecting individual property rights; implementation of enhanced solid waste disposal and hazardous waste management plan, meeting new regulations and mandates; establishing and making appointments to the Bootjack Town Planning Area Planning Advisory Committee, Fish Camp Community Planning Advisory Committee, Wawona Town Planning Advisory Committee, barking dogs; streamlining county permit and subdivision process; construction of the Juvenile Detention Facility; implementation of Health Departmental programs, such as perinatal care, gray water, and the underground tank program; establishment of a Fleet Maintenance depreciation account, which allows for vehicle replacement, and improved maintenance and fiscal accountability; establishment of an emergency reserve account during a financial crisis and a streamlined budget process; Space Needs Master Plan, including serving on Space Needs Committee for the proposed government center which she felt was the most important capital development project; formation of organized employee labor relation associations; Lodging

Council matching grant program; constructing a continuous left-turn lane and resolving the sidewalk dilemma in downtown; home rule; prevailing wages; group homes; zones of benefits; University of California College campus; reapportionment; biodiversity; Mariposa Creek beautification project; Coakley Circle/Mariposa Roadside Rest project; Mariposa Senior Activity Center; promotion of a new County Library facility; Cedar Lodge; Wawona Specific Plan; Tenaya Lodge; State fire safety standards; housing element update; Mariposa Vista Estates project; South Shore Club at Lake Don Pedro; Las Mariposas Planned Community; Mariposa-Yosemite Airport Master Plan and Comprehensive Land Use Plan; Mariposa Town Planning Area Specific Plan Update, including design review/historic design review standards for Mariposa and Coulterville Town Planning Areas; designating Highway 140 as a Scenic Highway and proposal for Highway 49 South as a Scenic Highway and working tirelessly with Caltrans to improve a portion of Highway 49 South known as "Spring Hill" and subsequently to have a passing lane installed; and served as a Director of the Mariposa County Water Agency working to develop a water supply for Mariposa County from the Merced River on what has become the Saxon Creek Project, and;

**WHEREAS, GERT** realized the importance of the County providing improved and efficient services to the public, she performed the following: worked to establish and receive funding for Calaveras-Mariposa County Community Action Agency; establishment of the Community Services Department, which includes Veterans Services, Senior Supportive Services, Senior Nutrition Services, Transit Services, Cemetery Services, creation of the trial court consolidation; assisted with the formation of the Housing and Community Development Agency, which includes Calaveras/Mariposa County Community Action Agency, Head Start, Housing Authority of the County of Mariposa, and recreation programs; hiring the first local County Librarian, and upgrading library services; reorganization of the Public Works Department; expansion of the Mariposa County Health Department; consolidation of the County Clerk and Public Administrator's functions with the Treasurer/Tax Collector; relocation of Recording functions to the Assessor's Office; creation of a Victim-Witness program at the local level; developed the County Fire/Emergency Services Department, including hiring the County's first Fire Chief; hiring the first County Administrative Officer; reorganization of the Animal Control functions; starting a Data Processing Department and Personnel Department; consolidation of functions with the Planning and Building Department; implemented enhancements to the 9-1-1 Sheriff's dispatch project, 24-hour patrol service; establishment of the GAIN Program under the direction of the Social Services Director to provide job opportunities; creation of a Visitors Bureau to improve promotional efforts for Mariposa County; and

**WHEREAS, GERT** had demonstrated her leadership qualities time and time again, and particularly while serving in the capacity of Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors in 1984 and 1989, and was known for giving everyone an ample opportunity to speak; a member of the Countywide Library Committee; a member of the Architectural Selection Committee for the County Government Center; Chairman of the Housing Authority of the County of Mariposa for several years; and was an active member of the Golden Chain Council promoting Highway 49; and

**WHEREAS, GERT** was known and respected for her strong support of our youth and loved children, together with her husband "Bud" for 49 years, they had raised six children; and she had been involved with countless youth activities: served as Scout Troop Leader; 4-H Leader, and Key Leader, was an active member of Parent-Teacher Associations, supported youth sports activities - including all areas of sports and rodeo events, often times sponsored awards; and the little ones quickly learned that her purse always contained candy and balloons; and

**WHEREAS, GERT** was also known for her service to civic organizations and to the community; attended and participated in benefit fundraisers; served as a member of Soroptimist International of Mariposa; and was an avid supporter of senior activities and programs; and

**WHEREAS, GERT** felt strongly that everyone should be treated the same and follow the same rules; and had a reputation for not being afraid to vote "no" or "abstain" on any issue that she disagreed with or felt that she needed more information on before making a decision in the best interests of her constituency.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County, a political subdivision of the State of California, that in the passing of **GERTRUDE "GERT" R. TABER** the citizens of Mariposa County have lost a great friend and dedicated supervisor; that we express to her family our sincere expression of deepest regret and most heartfelt sympathy, and our hope that the family's sadness and sorrow will be softened by the memories of her fine and generous qualities.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County this 17th day of September, 1996, by unanimous vote.

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PATTI A. REILLY, District I

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DOUG BALMAIN, District II

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ROBERT C. STEWART, District III

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GARRY R. PARKER, District IV

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BOB PICKARD, District V