

MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 89-42

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING GEORGE J. BARENDSE FOR HIS SERVICE TO
MARIPOSA COUNTY AS SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS FROM
JULY 1, 1971, THROUGH JANUARY 9, 1989

WHEREAS, GEORGE J. BARENDSE has met the challenges inherent with changing state mandates and increased enrollment over the past 17 years, acquiring the funding, land acquisitions, building projects and equipment for the new schools at Wawona, Don Pedro Elementary, Spring Hill High School and Mariposa Junior High School as well as the addition of classrooms to several schools involving over eight million dollars; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of GEORGE J. BARENDSE, Mariposa County Unified School District has implemented the California Master Plan for Special Education and the development of a program which has greatly improved education and enriched the lives of Mariposa's handicapped students; and

WHEREAS, GEORGE J. BARENDSE has used his leadership ability and foresight to bring the staff, students, parents and community together as a team to develop an exemplary educational system; and

WHEREAS, GEORGE J. BARENDSE exercised particular expertise in staff development; and

WHEREAS, GEORGE J. BARENDSE has been a proponent of the use of computers, the district now has more than one computer per classroom for student use, and the business department of the district office has been computerized under his direction; and

WHEREAS, Mariposa County Unified School District has remained financially solvent, through the challenges brought about by changes in State financing, due to the prudent budgeting of GEORGE J. BARENDSE; and

WHEREAS, under the direction of GEORGE J. BARENDSE, the Mariposa County Unified School District has shown improved academic achievement, establishing proficiency tests at the elementary levels before the State mandated this program; and

WHEREAS, GEORGE J. BARENDSE has worked successfully with staff to develop policies concerning discipline, especially with severe cases such as violence and substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, GEORGE J. BARENDSE has supported the development of several avenues for alternative education including independent study, opportunity classes and continuing education; and

WHEREAS, GEORGE J. BARENDSE has rewritten district policies and regulations to make them workable.

WHEREAS, GEORGE J. BARENDSE worked with courage and conviction to bring about successful negotiations with certificated staff negotiators.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, a political subdivision of the State of California, that GEORGE J. BARENDSE be commended for his service to Mariposa County as Superintendent of Schools from July 1, 1971 through January 9, 1989.