



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION HONORING

Raule Hurtado

*Petty Officer Second Class, United States Navy,
On His 100th Birthday and for His Service During World War II*

WHEREAS, PETTY OFFICER SECOND CLASS RAULE HURTADO was born on November 27, 1925, in Santa Monica, California, and, inspired by a school field trip to San Pedro and the sight of a sailor diving from a ship, set his sights on serving in the United States Navy, enlisting in 1943 at the age of seventeen; and

WHEREAS, after completing training, **RAULE HURTADO** deployed to Midway and later to the Pacific Theater with a PBY Catalina squadron known as the “Black Cats,” serving as an aircraft engineer during low-altitude night operations across Midway, Halmahera, and the Philippines, including reconnaissance, bombing missions, and submarine patrols; and

WHEREAS, on one mission, during the Invasion of Luzon, **RAULE HURTADO** survived the destruction of his aircraft after it was struck by enemy fire, escaping from the sinking PBY and giving his life vest to a struggling crew member before treading water alone in darkness until rescuers returned for him; and

WHEREAS, RAULE HURTADO completed his deployment before being reassigned to Hawaii and later returning to San Diego, where he was honorably discharged as a Petty Officer Second Class and received the Distinguished Flying Cross and Three Air Medals for his valor and service; and

WHEREAS, after returning to civilian life, **RAULE HURTADO** faced profound personal loss, including the passing of his first wife, Ann Castello, and their three children to ALS, commonly known as Lou Gehrig’s disease, yet rebuilt his life while working as an aircraft mechanic for Pan American World Airways at San Francisco International Airport, where he met Margaret, a PanAm nurse who became his second wife and partner of 39 years, and together they welcomed their daughter Caroline before settling in San Carlos; and

WHEREAS, PETTY OFFICER SECOND CLASS RAULE HURTADO, turning 100 years old on November 27, 2025, is a cherished member of the San Carlos community, known for his kindness, generosity, and positive spirit, and continues to take pride in his service while seeking connection with fellow veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby recognizes and honors **PETTY OFFICER SECOND CLASS RAULE HURTADO** for his extraordinary service during World War II, for his strength and resilience throughout his life, and for the example he continues to set for his community and his country.

Dated: December 3, 2025

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