

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

## JAMES and ELLA BEECHER Upon Resource Family Retirement

**WHEREAS, JAMES and ELLA BEECHER** became a resource family (foster parents) in 1994, working initially in a transitional program with children who had behavioral issues, and later served as the pilot program for the first San Mateo County Children and Family Services therapeutic program; and

**WHEREAS, JAMES and ELLA BEECHER** fostered over fifty children and made invaluable, lifelong contributions to children placed in their home, often taking the hardest children to place and never asking to have children removed from their home; and

**WHEREAS, JAMES BEECHER** sadly passed away in 2019, a humble spirit with a generous heart full of love for people, and a great source of compassion with a special understanding of the need of children in foster care; and

**WHEREAS, ELLA BEECHER** known for her cooking, devotion and love for the children in her care, continued to serve as a resource parent following the passing of her late husband; and

**WHEREAS, JAMES and ELLA BEECHER** continued to be a permanent connection in the lives of many foster children after they left their home.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County does hereby recognize in memory **MR. JAMES BEECHER** and recognize **MRS. ELLA BEECHER** for her retirement as a foster parent and together their years of service to the community and children they welcomed into their home, the Board extends its gratitude wishing Mrs. Beecher the very best in her retirement.

Dated: FEBRUARY 22, 2022 SUPERVISORS:

DON HORSLEY President

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Attest: Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors