## RESOLUTION

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

LeAnn Thornton
2017 Patriot of the Year

WHEREAS, LeAnn Thornton is being honored as the recipient of the 2017 Patriot of the Year award by the San Mateo County Veterans Commission for her special work, as a non-veteran, on behalf of our County veterans; and

WHEREAS, LeAnn Thornton, a highly-regarded employee of the Hillsborough Police Department, is the definition of "selfless" spending countless hours volunteering as a Support Specialist with the United Services Organization (USO) at San Francisco International Airport for the past seven years and coordinating the Town of Hillsborough's "Adopt-a-Unit" program; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, LeAnn Thornton was selected as the USO Volunteer of the Year in part for her work with the Families of the Fallen Response Team, helping to coordinate the arrival and planeside dignified transport of all fallen military personnel at SFO, and she has been an incredible source of comfort to these families; and

WHEREAS, LeAnn Thornton dedication and compassion knows no bounds – recently, she helped a military spouse who had missed her flight find infant formula for her baby, driving to a local store because there was none at SFO, and she regularly provides home-baked goods for USO guests, often several times a week; and

WHEREAS, LeAnn Thornton spends on average 80 hours a month as the coordinator of the "Adopta-Unit" program supporting the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade based at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, sending over 5000 care packages to their soldiers deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan and Africa.

NOW, therefore be it resolved that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County hereby honors and commends LeAnn Thornton for receiving the 2017 Patriot of the Year Award for her unsurpassed devotion to veteran and military causes and activities in San Mateo County.

Dated: November 9, 2017 SUPERVISORS:

DON HORSLEY, PRESIDENT

DAVE PINE

CAROLE GROOM

WARREN SLOCUM

DAVID I. CANEPA

Attest:		
	D	

Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors