

RESOLUTION

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

Joe Putnam

In Celebration of
Seventy Years

WHEREAS, **JOE PUTNAM** was born on a small farm in South Dakota, seventy years ago in 1934, and growing up during the depression learned a strong work ethic and in 1953, married his high school sweetheart Mary Lou Kayl and left his home for Minneapolis; and

WHEREAS, **JOE PUTNAM** began his long career in the automotive industry working in auto retailing in Minneapolis and becoming one of the top salesmen for Ford Motor Company and moved again, to Devils Lake, North Dakota to continue his career as a partner in his own Buick, Cadillac and GMC dealership; and

WHEREAS, seven years later, **JOE PUTNAM** arrived in California and purchased a location in Burlingame. and opened the doors to Putnam Buick and set about working and raising his family of six children with his wife Mary Lou; and

WHEREAS, **JOE PUTNAM’S** initial foray into auto retailing in California blossomed into a family business and into dealerships that sold Mazdas, Lexuses, Toyotas and Volvos and all the General Motors automobiles and most recently Subaru; and

WHEREAS, **JOE PUTNAM** provided the inspiration and the hard work that launched the Putnam Dealer Group into the highest ranks for Bay Area Family –Owned Businesses; and

WHEREAS, **JOE PUTNAM** has further shared his time and talents with the community as a member of the Woodside Town Council, as a member of the Mounted Patrol of San Mateo County where he and his horse were the most popular attraction at Star Camp, and, with his wife Mary Lou, was an early supporter of the work of Sr. Christina Heltsley and the St. Francis Center; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate during this seventieth year to recognize all that **JOE PUTNAM** has accomplished.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, hereby expresses its gratitude to **JOE PUTNAM** for his commitment to San Mateo County and wishes him the best of what life has to offer.

Dated: November 20, 2015

SUPERVISORS:

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Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors