

Resolution

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

Joseph Cotchett

Upon the celebration of his
75th Birthday & 50 Years of Practicing Law

WHEREAS, Joseph Cotchett, over the span of five decades, has provided an outstanding public service to the residents of San Mateo County and has come to be regarded by his peers as one of the most well-respected and influential lawyers of our time; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Cotchett attended the California Polytechnic State University having earned a Bachelor of Science in Engineering and the University of San Francisco Law School having earned a Juris Doctorate and later joined the armed services with duties including the United State Army Intelligence Corps., Special Forces Paratrooper and JAG Corps Officer until his retirement from the active reserves in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Cotchett began his distinguished legal career by founding the law firm Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy in 1967 which has become one of the most successful firms in defense of consumers and public interest law, having recovered hundreds of millions of dollars in anti-trust, major corporate fraud and securities cases; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Cotchett has received numerous prestigious awards and honors including being named one of the 100 most influential lawyers in the nation for 15 years running, the number one lawyer in Northern California by Super Lawyers, listed in every edition of Best Lawyers in America since its inception and in 1999 was inducted into the Litigation Trial Lawyers Hall of Fame by the California Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Cotchett has provided leadership and philanthropic support to critical San Mateo County community based organizations including the San Mateo County Heart Association, Boys & Girls Club, PARCA, Bay Meadows Foundation, Disability Rights Advocates, Public Citizen and Earth Justice; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Cotchett has made significant positive contributions to the legal profession and has worked to benefit San Mateo County residents as a whole.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County congratulates Joseph Cotchett on the occasion of his 75th birthday and the celebration of 50 years practicing law. The board hereby expresses its gratitude and extends sincere wishes for many more years of health, success and happiness.

Dated: January 10, 2014

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Attest: _____
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