

RESOLUTION

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING
JUDGE PHRASEL L. SHELTON**

May 1, 1938 – December 22, 2017

WHEREAS, the Honorable **PHRASEL L. SHELTON** was born in Colfax, Louisiana on May 1, 1938, to Annie Mae Murphy and Herman L Shelton, raised on a 25-acre farm in Grant Parish, Louisiana, by his grandparents, Ellen Brown Murphy and Ezekiel Murphy (Mama and Papa), including an extended family of 17 aunts and uncles; and

WHEREAS, after serving in the United States Air Force, **PHRASEL L. SHELTON** attended the University of San Francisco, graduating with a bachelor’s degree in philosophy in 1965; then, relocated to Omaha, Nebraska, where he attended Creighton University School of Law, graduating in 1968 as the second African American graduate of Creighton Law; and

WHEREAS, **PHRASEL L. SHELTON** began working with the Antitrust Division of the United States Department of Justice; then, worked as a public defender in Monterey and, ultimately, established a private law practice in San Mateo, California; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, Governor Jerry Brown appointed **PHRASEL L. SHELTON** as the first and only African American judge to the Municipal Court in San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, **JUDGE PHRASEL L. SHELTON** was appointed to the Superior Court, in 1988, by Governor George Deukmejian and went on to preside over the San Mateo County Superior and Juvenile courts for nearly 30 years, retiring in 2004 from full time service; although, he continued to serve five more years in southern California through the Assigned Judges Program; and

WHEREAS, **JUDGE PHRASEL L. SHELTON** lived an honorable, joyful, and full life with his wife, Charla Rolland Shelton, of 22 years and his four daughters, Amy Elizabeth Shelton, Sarah Merylee Shelton, Jennifer Ellen Shelton-Frates, and Rebecca Emily Shelton, as well as with sons-in-law, grandchild, and a large extended family,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby gratefully commends **JUDGE PHRASEL L. SHELTON** for his years of service in San Mateo County and remembers him as a man of good character, a loving husband, and a devoted family man.

Dated: February 3, 2018

Supervisors:

Dave Pine, President

Carole Groom

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David J. Canepa

Attest: Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors