

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Board of Supervisors

BOARD AGENDA# *A-4

Urgent _____ Routine X

AGENDA DATE May 8, 2001

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES X NO _____
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES _____ NO X

SUBJECT:

APPROVAL OF COMMENDATION FOR DR. ART BICKFORD, ASSOCIATE
DIRECTOR OF THE CALIFORNIA ANIMAL HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY
LABORATORY SYSTEM UPON HIS RETIREMENT

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. APPROVE COMMENDATION FOR DR. ART BICKFORD, ASSOCIATE
DIRECTOR OF THE CALIFORNIA ANIMAL HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY
LABORATORY SYSTEM UPON HIS RETIREMENT

FISCAL IMPACT:

NONE

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2001-341

On motion of Supervisor Blom, Seconded by Supervisor Caruso
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Mayfield, Blom, Simon, Caruso, and Chair Paul

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

3) _____ Approved as amended

Motion:



ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

By: Deputy

File No.



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To: The Honorable Tom Mayfield
Stanislaus County Supervisor *Bill*

From: Bill Mattos

Re: Resolution for Dr. Art Bickford who is retiring in June

Date: April 20, 2001

Dr. Art Bickford, Associate Director of the California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory System, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California, Davis, works at the Turlock laboratory and will be retiring in June. I am respectfully requesting a resolution from the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors, honoring him for his service to the county's poultry industry.

Dr. Bickford is a member of the California Poultry Federation and a long time veterinarian who has served the poultry industry well. One of the world's foremost avian pathologists, he is well known among California's poultry industry and deserving of recognition from the state legislature.

Following you will find a brief resume of information about Dr. Bickford. If you should have any further questions and/or concerns, please phone me at your convenience.

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WPDC SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD FOR DR. ARTHUR BICKFORD

Dr. Art Bickford was born and raised on a dairy farm in Conventry, Vermont, in 1936. After 2 years of undergraduate studies at the University of Vermont, Dr. Bickford was accepted into the veterinary medicine program at the University of Pennsylvania, where he graduated with his VMD in 1960. Dr. Bickford then did a year of graduate work at both the University of Vermont and Colorado State University before heading to Purdue University. In 1964, he obtained his MS, and in 1966 his PhD, both from Purdue University.

Dr. Bickford has held numerous positions as a pathologist within universities and industries. He traveled back-and-forth across the country before accepting the position in 1975 as an extension veterinarian with the University of California, filling the position previously held by Dr. A.S. Rosenwald. In 1979, Dr. Bickford moved back to Missouri to become the head of the Department of Veterinary Pathology at the University of Missouri. However, after 4 years, Dr. Bickford realized his mistake and returned to sunny (and non-humid and tornado-less) California as the Branch Chief of the Turlock lab for the California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory System (CAHFS), of the School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California, Davis. In 1992, Dr. Bickford became the Associate Director for CAHFS, and continues in this position until his retirement in June 2001.

Dr. Bickford's contribution to the poultry industry has been tremendous. He is now recognized as one of the foremost avian pathologist in the country and as such was awarded the American Association of Avian Pathologists' C.A. Bottorff award in 1995. He served on numerous educational and scientific committees, and editorial boards. He is an author on 90 publications in refereed journals, 23 book chapters, and 141 abstracts or proceeding articles. In addition, Dr. Bickford is currently past-president of the Western Veterinary Conference, and for some reason truly enjoys his annual trips to the meetings in Las Vegas.

Dr. Bickford and his wife Margaret, have three daughters, Carolyn, Patricia and Andrea, all of whom live in the mid-West. They are blessed with three grandchildren, Alexandra, Matthew and Daniel, and look forward to getting in their first class RV and traveling across the country to visit them.

WHEREAS, Dr. Art Bickford, Associate Director of the California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory System, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California, Davis is retiring in June 2001; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Bickford is a member of the California Poultry Federation and a long-time veterinarian who has served the poultry industry as one of the world's foremost avian pathologists; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Bickford graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine in 1960, received his MS degree in 1964 and his Ph.D., in 1966 from Purdue University, and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Bickford has held numerous positions as a pathologist within universities and industries, and in 1992, Dr. Bickford became the Associate Director of CAHFS, and will continue in this position until his retirement in June 2001; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Bickford's contribution to the poultry industry has been tremendous, and in 1995 he received the American Association of Avian Pathologists' C.A. Bottorff Award, and he served on numerous educational and scientific committees and editorial boards; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Bickford is an author of ninety publications in refereed journals, twenty-three book chapters, and one hundred forty-one abstracts or proceeding articles, and Dr. Bickford is currently Past-President of the Western Veterinary Conference; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Bickford and his wife, Margaret, have three daughters, Carolyn, Patricia, and Andrea, all of whom live in the Midwest, and Dr. and Mrs. Bickford are blessed with three grandchildren, Alexandra, Matthew, and Daniel,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby unanimously recognize and commend Dr. Art Bickford for his service to the poultry industry of Stanislaus County, and congratulates him upon his retirement in June 2001.

Upon motion by Supervisor Blom, seconded by Supervisor Caruso, the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted this 8th day of May, 2001.

Bob Paul

John Mayfield

Mike W. Blom

Raymond

Paul Caruso