

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

DEPT: ^{mf} Aging & Veterans Services

BOARD AGENDA # *B-1

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE May 13, 2008

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

(Information Attached)

SUBJECT:

Approval of the Commendations for Stanislaus County Outstanding Senior Citizens of the Year in celebration of Older Americans Month in May

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approve Commendations for Stanislaus County Outstanding Senior Citizens of the Year.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2008-335

On motion of Supervisor Grover, Seconded by Supervisor DeMartini
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Grover, Monteith, DeMartini and Chairman Mayfield

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

3) _____ Approved as amended

4) _____ Other:

MOTION:



ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

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DISCUSSION:

The month of May is officially recognized as ‘Older Americans Month’ throughout the nation, and senior citizens around the nation are recognized for their contributions to our country. In Stanislaus County, five outstanding senior citizens, one from each Supervisorial District, are selected for their volunteer work in any of the following areas: community service, humanitarianism, leadership, political advocacy, or being a good neighbor. Seniors were nominated from the community at large, and the five ‘Senior Award Winners’ who were selected by the Senior Award committee, have made invaluable contributions to the growth and prosperity of our community. These seniors are:

- Supervisorial District 1: Mr. Farris Parker (Oakdale)
- Supervisorial District 2: Mr. & Mrs. Jim & Gladys Halvorson (Turlock)
- Supervisorial District 3: Ms Jane Williams (Modesto)
- Supervisorial District 4: Ms Catherine Hackett (Modesto)
- Supervisorial District 5: Ms Mary Barcelos (Newman)

The Board of Supervisors presentation of the Senior Awards to their respective constituents is very meaningful to the Senior Award winners.

POLICY ISSUES:

The Board of Supervisors in recognizing the importance of senior residents in Stanislaus County and the contributions they make to the county’s quality of life, will support the Board of Supervisors’ priority of a Healthy Community.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There are no staffing impacts associated with this item.

**IN RE: RECOGNIZING FARRIS PARKER AS AN OUTSTANDING
SENIOR CITIZEN OF DISTRICT 1, STANISLAUS COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors wishes to acknowledge the outstanding service and commitment of senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Farris Parker served in the U.S. Army for three years in the late 1950's; and

WHEREAS, Farris volunteers at the Oakdale senior meals congregate site five days a week, serving meals and helping with kitchen clean-up; and

WHEREAS, he volunteers at his church, helping in the kitchen area with clean up, etc.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Parker helps disabled seniors and his neighbors with various small tasks around their homes; now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize Farris Parker as an outstanding senior citizen and thanks him for his very special contributions to the entire community of Oakdale, and to Stanislaus County.

**IN RE: RECOGNIZING JIM & GLADYS HALVORSON AS OUTSTANDING
SENIOR CITIZENS OF DISTRICT 2, STANISLAUS COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors wishes to acknowledge the outstanding service and commitment of senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jim Halvorson served in the Merchant Marines for three years in the mid-1940's; and

WHEREAS, Jim was a volunteer with the Modesto Union Gospel Mission when it moved to its second site on H Street in Modesto in the early 1950's, and he served for several years; and

WHEREAS, he volunteered for several years visiting the inmates at the Modesto City Jail, bringing them a touch of human kindness, soup (that his bosses at the Covell and the Sundial allowed him to share), and lessons from the Holy Bible; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Halvorson was a volunteer Board member who helped in the planning process to build Modesto's Calvary Temple; and

WHEREAS, Jim volunteered for two years working with the 'Turlock Together' Christmas event for children and families; and

WHEREAS, Jim & Gladys Halvorson are both active volunteers for Gateway Community Church in Denair: Gladys serves as a Greeter before the church services, and as 'Hostess' between church services (refreshments, etc.). Jim serves as a Sunday School teacher, a Church Board member, and for over five years was the 'chef' for the church's weekly meal that was prepared and provided to the homeless and those in need, with Gladys at his side, helping him. They both volunteer with the Church's annual / semi-annual 'Care Fair' event (fun, free food, services [hair cuts, etc.]) for the community, where the attendees are also given a box of groceries to take home. They are both 'prayer warriors', praying daily for church members, and for any requests that are received; and

WHEREAS, both Jim & Gladys lend a helping hand to anyone in need, unselfishly giving of their time and talents, even when they are not feeling in the best of health themselves; now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize Jim & Gladys Halvorson as outstanding senior citizens and thanks both of them for their very special contributions to the entire community of Turlock, and to Stanislaus County.

IN RE: RECOGNIZING JANE WILLIAMS AS AN OUTSTANDING
SENIOR CITIZEN OF DISTRICT 3, STANISLAUS COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors wishes to acknowledge the outstanding service and commitment of senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms Jane Williams volunteered for over six years as a 4-H Leader, teaching young girls sewing and cooking skills, and was a general volunteer for ten years; and

WHEREAS, Jane volunteered for over twelve years at Casa de Modesto Retirement Center: visiting with the residents, occasionally inviting some into her home for dinner, helping with the Saturday 'coffee hour' (bringing homemade goodies to go with the coffee), and with the special 'Teas' that were held. She also volunteered her help for various special occasions that were held at the facility; and

WHEREAS, she volunteers with the quilting group at Big Valley Grace Community Church, making quilts, lap robes, etc, for the Modesto Gospel Mission; and

WHEREAS, Ms Williams has been volunteering for over seven years at Miller's Place, an Alzheimer's Day Care Resource Center. She spends time 'one-on-one' with the clients, bolstering their self-esteem and enhancing their lives with her exceptional dedication and commitment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize Jane Williams as an outstanding senior citizen and thanks her for her very special contributions to the entire community of Modesto, and to Stanislaus County.

**IN RE: RECOGNIZING CATHERINE HACKETT AS AN OUTSTANDING
SENIOR CITIZEN OF DISTRICT 4, STANISLAUS COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors wishes to acknowledge the outstanding service and commitment of senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms Catherine Hackett volunteered with Presentation Catholic Church on fundraisers for many years in the early 1950's; and

WHEREAS, Catherine served for four years as a Girl Scout Leader when her children were young; and

WHEREAS, she traveled as a volunteer nurse with the Flying Samaritans on a trip to San Felipe many years ago; and

WHEREAS, Ms Hackett has volunteered weekly at Seasons At Modesto (an Alzheimer's Memory Care Facility) over the past year, and continues to do so, at the age of 95. She provides unconditional love and stimulation to the residents, telling them stories and helping them with crafts; and

WHEREAS, Catherine has served as a member of the San Joaquin County S.T.A.R.S. (Sheriff's Team Active Retired Seniors) for over 17 years, and continues to volunteer once a month (attending their meeting and then going out on patrol); now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize Catherine Hackett as an outstanding senior citizen and thanks her for her very special contributions to the entire community of Modesto, and to Stanislaus County.

**IN RE: RECOGNIZING MARY BARCELOS AS AN OUTSTANDING
SENIOR CITIZEN OF DISTRICT 5, STANISLAUS COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors wishes to acknowledge the outstanding service and commitment of senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms Mary Barcelos was a volunteer for the Catholic Church, teaching Catechism for six years; and

WHEREAS, Mary was an active PTA member for her children's school for many years, and served as Room Mother for many years as well; and

WHEREAS, she served for six years as a Girl Scout Leader when her daughters were young; and

WHEREAS, Ms Barcelos served as Secretary of the Orestimba High School Booster Club for six years; and

WHEREAS, Mary has been active in, and serves as Treasurer for the 'Our Lady of Roses, #212 YLI (Young Ladies Institute), working on fundraisers to help provide: recognition plaques to junior high students for outstanding GPAs (grade point averages), scholarships for high school students and seminarians, financial support for the Church, financial support for the Westside Theater, financial support for the local FFA's building project, and financial support to help people in need, regardless of religious preference; now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize Mary Barcelos as an outstanding senior citizen and thanks her for her very special contributions to the entire community of Newman, and to Stanislaus County.