

**IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

_____ day _____, 2012

PRESENT: Supervisors
ABSENT:

**RESOLUTION NO.
RESOLUTION HONORING HARUO AND ROSE HAYASHI AS THE
2012 SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY AGRICULTURALISTS OF THE YEAR**

The following resolution is hereby offered and read:

WHEREAS, on July 19, 2012 at the California Mid-State Fair, the San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau honors Haruo and Rose Hayashi as the 2012 recipients of the Agriculturalists of the Year award in appreciation of their life-long community service and extensive agricultural contributions to Arroyo Grande and San Luis Obispo County; and

WHEREAS, Haruo Hayashi was born in 1926 and raised in Arroyo Grande, California; and

WHEREAS, Haruo is a second generation vegetable farmer whose family survived the incarceration of Japanese-American citizens during World War II at the Gila River Relocation Center (Butte Camp) in Arizona. One month prior to graduating high school, in 1944, Haruo was drafted into the U. S. Army and served with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team; and

WHEREAS, upon discharge from the Army in 1945, Haruo returned to Arroyo Grande and farming. Haruo expanded his family's role in Pismo Oceano Vegetable Exchange (P.O.V.E.), an agriculture cooperative that began in 1928 with nine families, and reactivated after the war, to market their produce; and

WHEREAS, today, P.O.V.E is one of the most important mixed-vegetable shipping companies on the Central Coast, with as many as twenty-four different vegetables grown and shipped. P.O.V.E. is one of the world's largest growers and shippers of Nappa (Chinese) Cabbage, its specialty crop; and

WHEREAS, the Hayashis are active members of the Arroyo Grande community and believe in the importance of education. Haruo served on the Lucia Mar Unified School District Board and was the second Asian American to serve on the San Luis Obispo County Grand Jury; and

WHEREAS, Haruo and Rose support youth sports and are one of the founders of the Arroyo Grande Growers' basketball teams, which Haruo coached for 35 years; and

WHEREAS, the art community of Arroyo Grande also has benefited from the dedication and passion that the Hayashis, as founding members, have given to the Clark Center for Performing Arts. They are long time members of the San Luis Obispo Buddhist Temple and other community organizations, and

WHEREAS, Haruo and Rose have been married for 57 years and have five sons: John, Howard, Robert, Alan and Edwin and seven grandchildren: Allyson, Jana, Jordan, Lauren, Colin, Michael and Kobe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors, County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, does hereby honor Haruo and Rose Hayashi on being selected

by the San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau to receive the 2012 Agriculturalists of the Year award.

Upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

The foregoing resolution is hereby adopted.

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Deputy Clerk