

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

_____ day _____, 2015

PRESENT: Supervisors

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION NO.
RESOLUTION HONORING JAMES “JIM” BRABECK AS THE 2015
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY AGRICULTURALIST OF THE YEAR

The following resolution is hereby offered and read:

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2015, the San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau honors James “Jim” Brabeck as the recipient of the 2015 Agriculturalist of the Year award, in appreciation of his lifetime of service to farmers, ranchers and agriculturalists of San Luis Obispo County and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Jim Brabeck has lived his life devoted to family (wife Marcia, children and grandchildren), agriculture, business and the community. He has had a significant impact on the agricultural industry of San Luis Obispo County and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Jim Brabeck has been a decades long member of the San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau participating in the advocacy of agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Jim Brabeck has served as President/CEO, since 1969, of the San Luis Obispo County Farm Supply Company, a 2700 member agricultural supply cooperative established in 1950 to be a source of reasonable prices and distribution of products to the local farming and ranching community; and

WHEREAS, Jim Brabeck became an employee of the pump department in April of 1965 when Farm Supply was just one store, a handful of employees and in need of reorganization; and

WHEREAS, fifty years later, Farm Supply has benefited from Jim Brabeck’s management style and ability to foster a healthy work atmosphere resulting in an expansion to five thriving stores and employing more than a hundred people; and

WHEREAS, Jim Brabeck has lived up to his mottos of “never start anything unless you are going to finish it” and “failure is not an option” by showing an unwavering commitment to Farm Supply, its shareholders, customers, employees and members that was built on a solid foundation of a belief that trust is paramount and “people come first”; and

WHEREAS, Jim Brabeck has a long list of organizations he serves on or has served with great enthusiasm and distinction within the business community, educational community, banking community, and in support of local, state and federal law enforcement agencies including: The Rotary Club of San Luis Obispo where he served as president from 1986-1987, Outside Director of Farm Credit West, an Emeritus Board Member of the University of California, Santa Barbara Economic Forecast Project for San Luis Obispo County, where he was a Charter Board Member and Chairman, Cal Poly Corporation Board of Directors, Cal Poly College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Science Advisory Council (CAFES), an elected Trustee of San Luis Obispo County Community College District (Cuesta College), he holds an Honorary American FFA Degree, a member of the San Luis Obispo County Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Commission for the past forty years, serving three different times as Chairperson; he is the Commission’s liaison to the San Luis Obispo County Criminal Justice

Administrator Association; Charter Board Member, past Chairman and continues to serve on the Board of the Sheriff's Advisory Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Jim Brabeck was honored as Cuesta College Alumnus of the Year in 1999, Agribusiness Person of the Year for Santa Barbara County in 2009, and San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year in 1987; and

WHEREAS, throughout his entire life, Jim Brabeck has worked closely with agriculturalists, earning their trust and praise; exemplifying the qualities of leadership and outstanding service; devotion to the many areas of production and a continued commitment to the betterment of agriculture as a whole and it's the people who farm, ranch and work in the industry; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors, County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, does hereby honor James "Jim" Brabeck as the 2015 Agriculturalist of the Year.

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

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NOES:

ABSENT

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The foregoing resolution is hereby adopted.

ATTEST:

_____ Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____ Deputy Clerk Chairperson, Board of Supervisors