

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

_____ day _____, 2012

PRESENT: Supervisors
ABSENT:

**RESOLUTION NO.
RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CLIFTON SWANSON FOR HIS LONGSTANDING
DEDICATION TO THE SAN LUIS OBISPO SYMPHONY**

The following resolution is hereby offered and read:

WHEREAS, on Saturday, February 25, 2012, the San Luis Obispo Symphony will present the 24th Annual Symphony Ball and Honors Celebration in San Luis Obispo and will be honoring Clifton Swanson of San Luis Obispo; and

WHEREAS, Clifton Swanson has dedicated his life to performing, conducting, teaching and sharing the joy and beauty of music; and

WHEREAS, Clifton Swanson joined the Music Department of Cal Poly State University in 1967 and spent 37 years there, serving as a professor of music, a conductor, a performer and chair of the department before retiring in 2004; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, Mr. Swanson became the conductor of the San Luis Obispo Symphony, serving 13 years as Music Director from 1971 to 1984, leading the orchestra with great skill, raising its level of playing and professionalism and helping the organization to survive in financially troubled times; and

WHEREAS, upon retiring as conductor and handing the baton off to current Music Director Michael Nowak, Mr. Swanson joined the Symphony as a performer in the bass section of the orchestra, serving as Principal Bass and leader of the section, from 1985 to 2005 and continues to play in the orchestra to this day; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, Clifton Swanson founded the San Luis Obispo Mozart Festival serving as Music Director and conductor for 33 years, growing the event from three concerts over one weekend to a nationally known, two-week music festival with over 30 concerts and events; and

WHEREAS, Clifton Swanson played an essential role in the design of San Luis Obispo's Performing Arts Center, ensuring that the facility was acoustically outstanding for live music, giving of his time, expertise and resources as a founding member of the Foundation for the Performing Arts Center, serving as President of the Board from 2006-2008 and as Chair of the Joint Commission from 2008-2010; and

WHEREAS, due to his impassioned efforts and service on behalf of beautiful music and music education in San Luis Obispo County, Clifton Swanson will be this year's Symphony Honors Recipient.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors, County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, does hereby recognize Clifton Swanson for his longstanding dedication to the success and vision of the San Luis Obispo Symphony and for his major contributions in the promotion of the fine arts that have enriched the lives of his fellow residents for decades.

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