



HONORING
BARBARA KASTEL
FOR 26 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, BARB KASTEL BEGAN HER PUBLIC SERVICE CAREER WITH THE VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN NOVEMBER OF 1997 IN THE CRIME ANALYSIS UNIT. HER RESPONSIBILITIES AT THE TIME WERE DATA ENTRY OF CITATIONS, CRIME REPORTS, AND FIELD IDENTIFICATION CARDS AS WELL AS STENOGRAPHIC TRANSCRIPTION FOR THE MAJOR CRIMES AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BUREAUS. AS PART OF THE CAU, SHE WAS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING MONTHLY DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE STATE REPORTING AS WELL AS PROVIDING CRIME STATISTICS TO THE VENTURA COUNTY STAR NEWSPAPER; AND

WHEREAS, BARB WAS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE TEAM THAT TESTED, IMPLEMENTED, AND DEPLOYED THE VENTURA COUNTY INTEGRATED JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM (VCJIS) RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM; AND

WHEREAS, BARB'S TRANSFER TO SPECIAL SERVICES DIVISION/ MAJOR CRIMES IS WHEN HER TRUE PASSION WAS FULFILLED. THERE SHE BECAME A VITAL PART OF THE TEAM DELIVERING VERBATIM TRANSCRIPTS TO DETECTIVES WHERE SHE LEARNED FIRST AND FOREMOST, AND TO QUOTE HARRY BOSCH, "EVERYBODY MATTERS, OR NOBODY MATTERS." BARB HAS TRANSCRIBED HIGH-PROFILE, HIGHLY SENSITIVE AND EMOTIONALLY CHARGED CASES INCLUDING OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTINGS, THE RIGHT TO KNOW ACT (SB 1421), HUMAN TRAFFICKING, COLD CASES, THE BORDERLINE MASS KILLINGS, AND THE POLITICALLY CHARGED DEATH OF PAUL KESSLER; AND

WHEREAS, WHILE BARB'S FIRST PRIORITY IN HER TRANSCRIPTION DUTIES ARE MAJOR CRIMES AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS, SHE HAS SUPPORTED THE ENTIRE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TEAM AS NEEDED AS WELL AS PROVIDED CONFIDENTIAL TRANSCRIPTION SERVICES FOR NARCOTICS, INTEL, DEA, FBI, AND PROBATION. SHE HAS SUPPORTED FOUR SHERIFFS: BOB BROOKS, GEOFF DEAN, BILL AYUB AND CURRENTLY, JAMES FRYHOFF; AND

WHEREAS, NOT ONLY WILL WE MISS HER EXCEPTIONAL WORK ETHIC AND DEDICATION, BUT WE WILL ALSO DEEPLY MISS HER UNIQUE ABILITY TO INFUSE HUMOR INTO OUR WORKPLACE, MAKING EVEN THE MOST CHALLENGING DAYS A LITTLE BRIGHTER. HER LAUGHTER WAS CONTAGIOUS, HER WIT UNPARALLELED, AND HER PRESENCE TRULY MADE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF EVERYONE SHE ENCOUNTERED. AS SHE EMBARKS ON THIS NEW CHAPTER OF HER LIFE, WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE MEMORIES SHARED, THE LESSONS LEARNED, AND THE LAUGHTER ENJOYED; AND

WHEREAS, IN RETIREMENT, BARB IS LOOKING FORWARD TO VISITING MANY VINEYARDS, TAKING ALL THE SEA GLASS FROM THE OCEAN, SUPPORTING USC FOOTBALL, FOOD SHARE AND DOG RESCUES, AND TRAVELING WITH HER HUSBAND, JEFFREY.

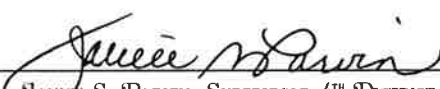
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION TO ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT AND TRANSCRIPTIONIST BARBARA KASTEL FOR HER 26 YEARS OF DEDICATION TO PUBLIC SERVICE AND WISHES HER HAPPINESS AND GOOD HEALTH IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

PRESENTED ON THIS 11TH DAY OF JULY 2024


MATT LAVERE, SUPERVISOR 1ST DISTRICT


JEFF GORELL, SUPERVISOR 2ND DISTRICT


CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
KELLY LONG, SUPERVISOR 3RD DISTRICT


JANICE S. PARVIN, SUPERVISOR 4TH DISTRICT


VIANEY LOPEZ, SUPERVISOR 5TH DISTRICT