



**Resolution
of
The Board of Supervisors of Ventura County
Honoring
Roosevelt Bolden
“2023 Man of the Year”
West Ventura County Business Alliance**

Whereas, Roosevelt Bolden is being recognized as the “2023 Man of the Year” by the West Ventura Business Alliance for his personal and professional success, and dedication to the betterment of the Camarillo community; and

Whereas, a Ventura county native, Roosevelt graduated from Missouri Western State University with a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice. He received his master’s degree in education counseling from the University of LaVerne; and

Whereas, Roosevelt’s passion for inspiring young minds began when he was a teen working as a basketball counselor at Ventura College. In 2012, after getting his bachelor’s degree and playing professional basketball overseas, he became a para-educator at Camarillo High School; and

Whereas, through his daily work, “Uncle Roo,” as he is called, has broken down barriers for youth with autism and developmental disabilities. He helped create its Unified Sports Program that pairs general students with special students to compete against other schools. He also coordinated the first Ventura Unified Schools Special Olympics where more than 70 youth participated; and

Whereas, Roosevelt’s work continues through his nonprofit Rich At Heart, which provides safe, interactive learning opportunities for youth and young adults with any disability. Through field trips, sports, and other events, participants gain daily life skills, job training, and so much more; and

Whereas, Roosevelt’s unwavering dedication to youth with disabilities serves as powerful inspiration. His tireless effort is a testament to his commitment to promoting inclusivity, understanding, and support within our community.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of Supervisors of Ventura County commends Roosevelt Bolden for his service and commitment to the betterment of the Camarillo community. The Board further congratulates Roosevelt on receiving the West Ventura County Business Alliance “2023 Man of the Year” recognition.

Presented on this 3rd day of November 2023


Jeff Gorrell, Supervisor 2nd District


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