



**Resolution
of
The Board of Supervisors of Ventura County
Honoring Howard Asher
Upon His Retirement from the County of Ventura Public Defender's Office**

Whereas, Howard Asher became an attorney with the Ventura County Public Defender's Office on June 21, 1982. Prior to his career as a defense attorney, Howard was an Elementary School teacher for five years and an Instructional Leader at Bedford Open School for two years; and

Whereas, Howard obtained a Bachelor's of Arts Degree in History from the University of California, Santa Barbara in 1971, a State Teaching Credential from the University of California, Santa Barbara in 1975, and a Juris Doctorate Degree from the Southern California Institute of Law, Ventura College of Law in 1982; and

Whereas, during Howard's career with the Ventura County Public Defender, he quickly advanced through the ranks, becoming the Misdemeanor Supervisor in 1990 and in 2003, Senior Attorney in 1992, Chief Deputy Public Defender in 2005, and Assistant Public Defender in 2010; and

Whereas, he is, or has been, a member of the Ventura County Bar Association, Ventura County Criminal Defense Bar Association, the California Public Defender's Association; and

Whereas, he was the President of the Ventura Criminal Defense Bar Association from 1995-1996, was the recipient of the Joyce Yoshioka Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Criminal Justice System in 1995, was the winner of the Attorney-Criminal 5K run in 1994, 1995, 1997 and 1998, and has successfully ran in and completed six marathons, including three times in the Los Angeles Marathon; and

Whereas, Howard has earned the respect of his colleagues, peers, and members of the criminal justice system, including the Superior Court Bench; and

Whereas, Howard's entire legal career has been devoted to representing indigent clients, defending clients in every aspect of criminal defense work including misdemeanor, juvenile, felony, and special circumstance and capital case litigation; and

Whereas, Howard will now have more time to devote to his loving wife, five grandsons and two granddaughters, his love of softball, fishing and camping and new hobbies yet be discovered.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors take great pleasure in honoring Howard Asher upon his retirement from the Ventura County Public Defender's Office after 30 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Ventura County.

Presented This 24th Day April of 2012

Chair of the Board of Supervisors
John C. Zaragoza, Supervisor 5th District

Steve Bennett, Supervisor 1st District

Linda Parks, Supervisor 2nd District

Kathy I. Long, Supervisor 3rd District

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