

# Resolution No. 2018-158

## RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HONORING CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT STEVE A. NICHOLS, COMMAND CHIEF OF THE 60<sup>TH</sup> AIR MOBILITY WING, TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

**WHEREAS**, Chief Master Sergeant Steve A. Nichols distinguished himself as the Command Chief of the 60th Air Mobility Wing, Travis Air Force Base, from July 26, 2016 to September 7, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, as the senior enlisted leader of the largest air mobility wing in the Air Force, Chief Nichols expertly advised two commanders in managing over 12 billion dollars of assets and executing a 635 million dollar annual base budget ensuring the readiness and well-being of more than 26 thousand military members and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, in his role as the Command Chief, Chief Nichols oversaw all matters concerning the morale, welfare, health and discipline of more than 4,900 enlisted men and women. Working closely with squadron First Sergeants, the top three enlisted ranks, and the middle enlisted ranks; the Chief was the linchpin between the commanders and the enlisted force. He was always accessible and worked tirelessly to ensure military members had the tools and support needed to be successful in accomplishing their mission; and

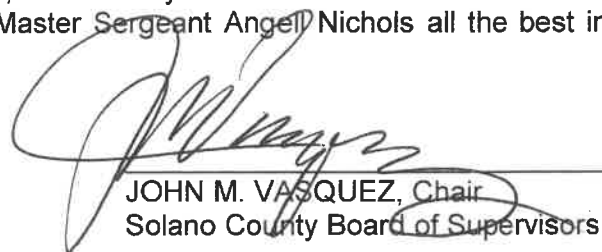
**WHEREAS**, Chief Nichols leadership style fostered a climate of encouragement and empowerment to young airmen that directly contributed to implementation of innovative programs and processes at Travis Air Force Base, including the Phoenix Spark Cell – a think tank program for modernizing the military - the first of its kind in the Air Force; and creation of a Special Duty Data Base that improved the process of identifying the best qualified enlisted members for special assignments, saving 2,600 working hours a year for the 60th AMW; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Nichols' team re-energized the Community Partnership Program and reached out to the local community. This was highlighted by establishment of the True North preventative law initiative – a peer mentoring program in partnership with the California Medical Facility, Vacaville, to help young airmen make better decisions during their day-to-day life. Additionally, the Chief chaired and advised numerous community events, such as the Gold Star March, annual Air Shows and POW/MIA observances, fundraising for Fisher House, and the many celebrations this year in honor of Travis AFB' 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors recognizes Command Chief Master Sergeant Steve A. Nichols, for his outstanding leadership to "Team Travis", his contributions to the Solano County community, and his 24 years of dedication to the United States Air Force; and wishes him and his wife Senior Master Sergeant Angel Nichols all the best in their retirements.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018



  
JOHN M. VASQUEZ, Chair  
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:  
BIRGITTA E. CORSELLO, Clerk  
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By:   
Jeanette Neiger, Chief Deputy Clerk