

Resolution No. 2017-117

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING THE VANDEN HIGH SCHOOL AIR FORCE JROTC FOR 15 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

WHEREAS, for 15 years the Air Force Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps at Vanden High School has gone above and beyond the call to provide community service to local veterans organizations; and

WHEREAS, approximately 1,200 cadets have participated in the JROTC program since its inception in 2001 at Vanden High School. That first year, 35 cadets participated in the Travis Air Force Base POW/MIA Retreat Ceremony and were also part of a formation to welcome President George W. Bush to Travis Air Force Base. Their first dinner event was in support of the Brotherhood of Vietnam Veterans in 2002; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Vanden High School JROTC program is to develop citizens of character dedicated to serving their nation and community. High school graduation rates for cadets that stay in the program through their senior year have been 100 percent. Since its inception, 19 cadets have gone on to attend service academies, including two appointments to United States Military Academy, West Point; one appointment to the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis; and 16 appointments to the United States Air Force Academy; and

WHEREAS, community service hours from the Vanden High School JROTC have reached nearly 31,000 hours since 2001. Their community service has included participation in the 9/11 Patriot Walk, Veterans and Memorial Day observances, support dinners, color guards, and the annual Wreaths Across America wreath laying at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery. Cadets also make and send holiday cards and goodie-bags to service members overseas; and

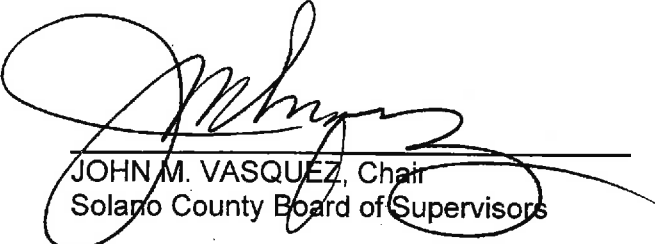
WHEREAS, cadets and their family and friends raised more than \$13,000 to benefit projects such as an Aeromedical Staging Facility at Travis Air Force Base and have collected more than 20,000 cans of food for canned food drives; and

WHEREAS, Vacaville veterans organizations, including the American Legion Post 165 & Auxiliary, AMVETS Post 1776, Disabled American Veterans Chapter 84, United Veterans Memorial Association and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7244 and Auxiliary, paid tribute to the Vanden High School JROTC cadets at their Celebration of Service on April 8, 2017.

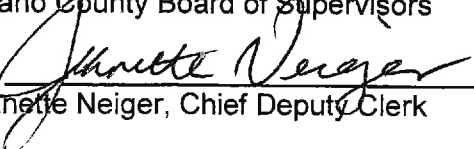
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes the Vanden High School Air Force JROTC for their years of dedicated volunteer service to local veterans organizations.

Dated this 6th day of June, 2017




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