DEPARTMENT: Board  BY: Public Works  PHONE: 966-3222

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes ___  No_x_)

Resolution and County tile plaque recognizing James "Lowell" Munn upon his retirement from the Mariposa County Public Works Department.

Resolution and plaque will be prepared for presentation on Tuesday.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

None on this request. Board routinely recognizes employees upon their retirement.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

1) Approve and present resolution and plaque.
MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NUMBER 94-543

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JAMES L. "LOWELL" MUNN UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE MARIPOSA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, JAMES L. "LOWELL" MUNN began his employment with Mariposa County on December 22, 1969, as a temporary inspector covering roads and sewer installations for subdivisions, the term of employment estimated to be approximately one year; and

WHEREAS, LOWELL was given a hint that after the temporary program was finished, that the "right man" may be offered continued permanent employment; and LOWELL was deemed to be the "right man" and on May 1, 1971, was permanently hired by the County Engineer as the Road Inspector and Survey Crew Leader; and

WHEREAS, LOWELL had a series of promotions through 1988 to Engineering Technician 3, Engineering Technician 4 and finally to Senior Engineering Technician; and has still always found time to promote the welfare of this County, and since 1985, actively served on the Fair Board, most recently as Chairman; and

WHEREAS, LOWELL has found the job of surveying and inspection in this County to be hazardous to his health; and on one occasion, LOWELL may have walked and talked a bit slow but found it necessary to pick up the tempo a bit when he was literally in the line of fire, dodging bullets from the Goat Lady and diving under a tractor for cover when a contractor's blast blew away the side of a mountain sending trees and boulders raining down; and

WHEREAS, LOWELL has become very adept at roping snakes, that is, he has been the main supplier of rattlesnake meat for the VFW dinners and can't pass up an opportunity to scare the wits out of his coworkers by storing coiled critters in the refrigerator at Public Works; and

WHEREAS, LOWELL, for several years, was looking for the infamous young cook to take care of his hunger pangs while wife MARTY was away at vet school; and always looking for a meal of any kind and unable to con his friends into buying, would end up at the Chamber mixers for a free meal and plenty of good company; and

WHEREAS, LOWELL should never worry about where his next meal is coming from because he is famous for preparing the most scrumptious cajun turkey that would put Julia Child to shame; and

WHEREAS, LOWELL has a humorous and befitting nickname for everyone with the names and benefactors mostly to remain unknown as they probably would not appreciate the intent; and LOWELL is famous for his quotable quotes; to wit: "The first drop is God's fault", "Don't use 895, it's my truck", "Only idiots and boatswains mates whistle", and "It doesn't get any better than this"; and

WHEREAS, in honor of LOWELL's dedicated service, call number of fifty-one will be retired.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereby recognizes and commends JAMES L. "LOWELL" MUNN for his outstanding service to Mariposa County, and wish him the very best in his well-deserved retirement and declare that "LOWELL, it's close enough".

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County this 20th day of December, 1994, by unanimous vote.

ARTHUR G. BAGGETT, JR., District I

GARY R. PARKER, District IV

DOUG BAILMAIN, District II

GERTRUDE R. TABER, District V

ERIC J. ERICKSON, District III