

MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 92-477

WHEREAS, DALE ALGER worked for 23 years for the Mariposa County Unified School District, serving under seven school superintendents; and

WHEREAS, DALE ALGER provided Mariposa Elementary School's (M.E.S.) Leadership as it grew from a kindergarten-through-8th-grade school of about 300 students, and began the departmentalized Junior High School, which has since moved on to a separate campus; M.E.S. has had as many as 500 students, and for several years provided the only special day classes in the district; and

WHEREAS, DALE ALGER, as administrator for M.E.S., worked with students, teachers, instructional aides, secretaries, and custodians to continually provide the best educational opportunities for children; DALE kept the same high standards for himself as he set for the student body and staff; and

WHEREAS, DALE ALGER opened up many new opportunities for children, such as: early childhood education projects, school improvement projects, award ceremonies, caring coupons, merit trips, Junior Olympics for the intermediate grades, Life Lab, Green Meadows Outdoor School (environmental education for third graders), Tens Reading Program (upper grade literature), Extra Books Program (independent reading), implemented the Quest Program, increased the library and library services, remodeled the main building, and added a Physical Education Specialist and Music Specialist; and

WHEREAS, DALE ALGER added the personal touch to his duties by surprising the students and faculty each Halloween with unusual costumes, continually looked for ways of catching children "being good," and made a special point of going out to the playground early each morning to greet the students as they arrived; and

WHEREAS, DALE ALGER worked closely with the Parent-Teacher Association (P.T.A.) as they sponsored Enrichment programs, Reading is FUNDamental (R.I.F.), book fairs, Jump-a-thon and other fundraisers, the M.E.S. Track Meet, the M.E.S. Basketball Tournament, and much more; and

WHEREAS, over the years he spent at M.E.S., DALE ALGER exposed staff to the following programs: assertive discipline, positive discipline, auditory discrimination in depth, Project READ, Project Write, individual prescribed education in math, Capon physical education, math instruction using manipulatives, clinical teaching, whole language instruction, portfolio assessment, Bloom's Taxonomy, and many more; and

WHEREAS, DALE recognized good teaching by giving notes of appreciation to staff members, positive evaluations, and Golden Apple Awards; and

WHEREAS, DALE ALGER served on the Administrative Council, School Attendance and Review Board, First Harmful Substances Curriculum Guide, Reading Curriculum, and Language Arts Curriculum; and

WHEREAS, with his family's interest in horses and roping, DALE ALGER was instrumental in the formation of the Junior Rodeo; at one time he coached his children in sports; and is now active in the Tennis Club; and

WHEREAS, DALE ALGER focused all his energy on Mariposa Elementary, giving many extra hours MAKING EDUCATION SPECIAL for M.E.S. Students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, a political subdivision of the state of California, that DALE ALGER be recognized for his commitment and dedicated service to the children of Mariposa County upon his retirement as principal of Mariposa Elementary School.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors this 15th day of September, 1992, by unanimous vote.

ARTHUR G. BAGGETT, JR., District I

ERIC J. ERICKSON, District III

GERTRUDE R. TABER, District V