RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2017-558

MEETING: August 22, 2017

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor

RE: Posthumous Recognition of Robert "Bob" Bartholomew

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve a Resolution Recognizing Robert "Bob" Bartholomew Posthumously for His Dedicated Service to the Community.

It is recommended that the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors posthumously recognize Bob Bartholomew's long standing service to the community of Mariposa County, and present the resolution to his family, in his memory.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board often recognizes citizens for their service on both County appointed committees and various volunteer and other positions within the community.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
none

ATTACHMENTS:
Bob Bartholomew resolution (DOCX)

CAO RECOMMENDATION

Rene LaRoche
Rene LaRoche, Clerk of the Board 8/17/2017
RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor

SECONDER: Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor

AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey
A RESOLUTION POSTHUMOUSLY RECOGNIZING Dr. ROBERT (BOB) BARTHOLOMEW FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COUNTY OF MARIPOSA

WHEREAS, Dr. ROBERT (BOB) BARTHOLOMEW was a well-educated man obtaining several degrees including his doctoral degree; he and Theda, his wife of 46 years, put their education to good use teaching in Honduras, as well as other places; and

WHEREAS, BOB, who came from a Political Science background, was elected to the Mariposa County School Board in 1996 and served as President where he made rural education in Mariposa his highest priority by working with Yosemite National Park to ensure that employees with school age children had adequate living quarters, and where he worked with state legislators to create Senate Bill Number 803 which provided transportation funds to rural school areas; and

WHEREAS, BOB was a Director of the Mariposa County Fire Safe Council and interacted with local, state, and federal agencies to bring funding to local residents to help them create defensible spaces around their homes and to educate them about fire safety; and

WHEREAS, BOB served on the board of the Ponderosa Basin Mutual Water Company for many years helping to provide that community with an abundance of safe drinking water for their homes while keeping costs to the homeowners low; and

WHEREAS, BOB assisted in the development of Mariposa Counties biomass plant helping to secure over 11 million dollars in funding to help bring the project to fruition; and

WHEREAS, BOB was known for his “Bobism’s” such as "I'm sorry, 'No' just isn't an acceptable answer", "If 'they' are going to tell you no, always make them do it at least three times", and "Why be difficult when with a little more effort you can be totally impossible?"; and

WHEREAS, BOB dedicated his knowledge to different organizations throughout the County and, through the years, worked long hours to gain funding in order to keep those organizations afloat.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, a political subdivision of the State of California, that Dr. ROBERT (BOB) BARTHOLOMEW is hereby recognized posthumously for his dedicated and outstanding service to the citizens of Mariposa County. BOB will be sorely missed and his family, as well as many friends and colleagues, are wished fond and lasting memories.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors this 22nd day of August, 2017, by unanimous vote.

ROSEMARIE SMALLCOMBE, District I Supervisor

KEVIN CANN, District IV Supervisor

MERLIN JONES, District II Supervisor

MILES MENETREY, District V Supervisor

MARSHALL LONG, District III Supervisor