RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2020-729

MEETING: December 22, 2020

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor

RE: Retirement Resolution and Tile Plaque for Sheriff Doug Binnewies

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Resolution and Tile Plaque Recognizing Doug Binnewies, Upon His Retirement as Sheriff/Coroner/Public Administrator (Board Chair)

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board of Supervisors typically recognizes retiring Department Heads.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The Board would miss the opportunity to recognize a Department Head upon his retirement.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Miles Menetrey, District V Supervisor

SECONDER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor

AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey
MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020- 729
RECOGNIZING DOUGLAS A. BINNEWIES FOR OVER 30 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COUNTY OF MARIPosa

WHEREAS, DOUGLAS A. BINNEWIES as a fourth generation Law Enforcement Officer began his career with the Mariposa County Sheriff’s Office in June of 1990 as a Reserve/Extra Help Patrol Deputy Sheriff; became a full time Patrol Deputy in October 1990; became a Detective in January 1998; promoted to Patrol Sergeant in November 1998; promoted to Lieutenant in May 2003; promoted to Captain of the Public Safety Division in May 2004; promoted to Undersheriff in January 2008; appointed Sheriff/Coroner/Public Administrator by the Board of Supervisors in October of 2010; and was elected as Sheriff/Coroner/Public Administrator in 2011, 2015 and 2019; and

WHEREAS, DOUG has worked and responded to multiple disasters and crises in Mariposa County and throughout California; he was assigned to the 1992 LA Riots; Yosemite National Park’s “100” year flood in 1997 where he performed multiple river rescues and Search and Rescue missions; the nationwide terrorist & security threat September 11, 2001; the 2006 Ferguson Rock Slide; the 2008 Telegraph Fire which led to the creation of the joint Fire and Law Enforcement Plan to respond to large scale incidents; the July 2017 Detwiler Fire where he was an Incident Commander for the incredibly fast moving fire that caused major structure and home loss with no loss of human life; the 2018 Ferguson Fire where he again became an Incident Commander in an unprecedented unified command structure with CALFIRE, US Forest Service, Federal Incident Command Team 4 and the Mariposa County Sheriff’s Office; severe storm damage of 2017 and 2018, and the COVID 19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, DOUG performed his duties diligently working and closing many cases, most notably in February 1999, he coordinated the Sund/Pelosso case leading the local task force of FBI, CA DOJ and local investigators which ultimately led to the conviction of Cary Stayner and attained the death penalty for the State crimes of murder; and

WHEREAS, DOUG received the highest voter support of any elected Mariposa candidate in all three of his elections; has focused the majority of his career on community policing efforts; implementing many modern policing programs; and

WHEREAS, DOUG has navigated the Sheriff’s Office and community through several financial crises including recessions, natural disasters and a pandemic that heavily impacted the Mariposa County economy, with his leadership his team focused their energy on maintaining public safety services and increasing office morale; and created strategic partnerships county wide in an effort to maintain services for Mariposa County residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, DOUG was responsible and fully supportive of the Department’s 108 employees and their functions that cover the County’s 1,455 square miles, which included 9-1-1 Dispatch, Patrol, Adult Detention Facility, investigations, Court security, Boat Patrol, Animal Control, Coroner, Public Administrator duties, finance / personnel, grants, Office of Emergency Services, and Sheriff’s Community Organized Policing Effort (SCOPE); as well as being a soccer coach, softball coach, Rotary member, loving husband to Laurie and devoted father to Brittany, Austin, Casey & Jenna.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereby recognizes DOUGLAS A. BINNEWIES for his outstanding service with the Mariposa County Sheriff’s Office and expresses sincerest wishes for his happiness and success.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County this 22nd day of December, 2020, by unanimous vote.

ROSEMARIE SMALLCOMBE, District I Supervisor

KEVIN CANN, District IV Supervisor

MERLIN JONES, District II Supervisor

MILES MENETREY, District V Supervisor

MARTHA LONG, District III Supervisor