

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Bruce Kranz, Supervisor District 5

DATE: August 22, 2006

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – Approve a Resolution honoring State Senator Sam Aanestad for his tenacious commitment to return the California Highway Patrol Valley Air Operations Unit to the Auburn Municipal Airport in Placer County.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a Resolution honoring State Senator Sam Aanestad for his tenacious commitment to return the California Highway Patrol Valley Air Operations Unit to the Auburn Municipal Airport in Placer County.

BACKGROUND

State Senator Sam Aanestad has worked tirelessly to return the California Highway Patrol's Valley Air Operations Unit to the central location of Auburn Municipal Airport. Moving the Valley Air Operations Unit back to the Auburn Municipal Airport would increase the response time and availability to the mountainous and rural counties which rely solely on the air unit to provide rapid air response in times of crisis such as critical traffic accidents, law enforcement activities, search and rescue operations, fire emergencies, medivac services, evacuations and any other emergency situation.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

COUNTY OF
Placer
Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION

In the Matter of a Resolution honoring
State Senator Sam Aanestad for his
tenacious commitment to return the
California Highway Patrol Valley Air Operations Unit
to the Auburn Municipal Airport in Placer County.

Resolution No. 2006 -

Whereas, State Senator Sam Aanestad was elected to the California State Legislature in 1998 to represent the 3rd Assembly District, lives with his wife, Susan, has three grown children and has lived in the 4th Senate District since 1980; and

Whereas, Senator Aanestad has provided responsible representation for the people of Placer County since his election to the 4th Senate District in 2002; and

Whereas, Senator Aanestad represents nine of the thirteen counties served by the CHP Valley Air Operations Unit including Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Nevada, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, Trinity, Sutter, Yuba and Placer; and

Whereas, recognizing the critical significance of the first hour during an emergency, commonly know as, "The Golden Hour" and the relationship that hour can have in determining the difference between life and death, State Senator Sam Aanestad has worked tirelessly to return the California Highway Patrol's Valley Air Operations Unit to the central location of Auburn Municipal Airport ever since it was moved to the Sacramento Executive Airport in 2003; and

Whereas, the results of three CHP studies over a sixteen year period all concluded that the Auburn Municipal Airport was the best location to base the Valley Air Operations Unit because of being above the fog, being centrally located to major freeway systems and close in proximity to the mountainous regions, all of which were the basis for Senator Aanestad's position on the issue; and

Whereas, moving the Valley Air Operations Unit back to a location above the fog line would once again increase the response time and availability to the mountainous and rural counties represented in the 4th Senate District which rely solely on the air unit to provide search and rescue and medivac services during times of crisis such as critical traffic accidents, law enforcement activities, search and rescue operations, fire emergencies, evacuations and any other emergency situation requiring rapid air response; and

Whereas, during the three years Senator Aanestad worked on this issue, he met with then CHP Commissioner Helmick and current CHP Commissioner Brown, the Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, Sunne Wright-McPeak and finally with Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to convey his sincere belief that returning the CHP Air Operations Unit to Auburn was not an option; it was a necessity.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That, on August 22, 2006, the Placer County Board of Supervisors do hereby honor State Senator Sam Aanestad for his commitment to his constituents, including the citizens of Placer County, and those traveling through his district for the successful return of the CHP Valley Air Operations Unit to Auburn Municipal Airport effective August 1, 2006.

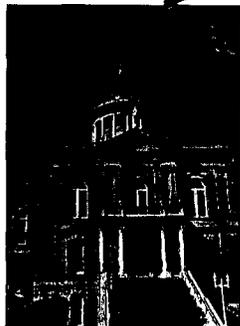
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