

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jennifer Montgomery, Supervisor District 5

DATE: July 25, 2011

SUBJECT: COMMENDATION – Present a Commendation to Benjamin Heineike for his service to the United States in the United States Navy.

ACTION REQUESTED

Present a Commendation to Benjamin Heineike for his service to the United States in the United States Navy.

BACKGROUND/COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Benjamin Heineike grew up in Kings Beach and is a local graduate from North Tahoe High School. He has enjoyed great success academically and professionally in the United States Naval Academy. He graduated top of his class in 2002 with a Bachelors of Science with Honors degree in Mathematics and a French minor. He attended both Cambridge and Oxford Universities, two of the leading Universities in the world. He served as an active duty Commissioned Officer in the United States Navy from 2002-2010 and currently serves as Liaison Officer in the United States Navy Reserve affiliated with the Office of Navy Research Science and Technology Program 38, Unit 113.

It is the privilege of the Placer County Board of Supervisors to award this Commendation to Benjamin Heineike at the July 25, 2011 Board of Supervisors meeting with sincere thanks for his service to this great Country in the United States Navy.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

**In the matter of a Commendation honoring local
North Tahoe High School graduate Benjamin Heineike
for his service to the United States in the United States Navy.**

WHEREAS, Benjamin Heineike grew up in Kings Beach and remains connected to his community with many interests including supporting the North Tahoe Boys and Girls Club; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin entered the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD in the summer of 1998 after graduating from North Tahoe High School; and

WHEREAS, in 2002 Benjamin graduated from the United States Naval Academy first in his class of approximately 1000 with a Bachelors of Science with Honors degree in Mathematics and a French minor; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Heineike attended two of the leading Universities in the world; University of Cambridge, the second oldest University in both the United Kingdom and the English speaking world from 2002-2003 and the University of Oxford from 2003-2004 to obtain his Master of Science in Applied and Computational Mathematics; and

WHEREAS, he served as an active duty Commissioned Officer in the United States Navy from 2002 - 2010; and

WHEREAS, he currently serves as Liaison Officer, United States Navy Reserve affiliated with the Office of Navy Research Science and Technology Program 38, Unit 113; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Heineike has had a distinguished career including being a Mathematics Instructor for the United States Naval Academy from January 2009 to December 2010; Division Officer and Department Head, USS Sampson Guided Missile Destroyer; Operations Officer on a newly constructed ship where he planned and executed a successful shakedown cruise from Bath, ME to homeport San Diego, California via the Panama Canal; First Training Officer for a crew of 290 where he also stood watch as one of four Officers of the Deck directly responsible to the captain for safe navigation; Damage Control Assistant, USS Ardent (a mine countermeasures ship); Division Officer for the Crew Valor Coastal Mine Hunter and he volunteered to join a forward deployed ship crew in Bahrain to replace an injured officer; and

WHEREAS, he completed a month long assignment in Kabul, Afghanistan as an advisor to the Mathematics department at the National Military Academy of Afghanistan (NMAA) providing workshops on example problems and mathematical software from July – August 2010; and

WHEREAS, he designed and taught the first Mathematical Biology course in the fall of 2010 to nine Math majors at the United States Naval Academy; and

WHEREAS, he has served as Graduate Fellowship Advisor and Program Manager for the United States Naval Academy's United Kingdom International Scholarship Program conducting weekly seminars, organizing field trips and guest speakers for the program and providing mentorship with application advice for some of the Naval Academy's top junior and senior students; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Heineike serves as a stellar example to local youth to pursue their own state of excellence through his perseverance and dedication throughout his academic and professional career.

Now, Therefore, Let It Be Known That, the Placer County Board of Supervisors takes great pleasure in presenting Benjamin Heineike with a Commendation in honor of his long list of accomplishments and years of service in the United States Navy.

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