

M E M O R A N D U M
Office of
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Placer

TO: The Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jennifer Montgomery, Supervisor District 5

DATE: March 26, 2013

SUBJECT: **COMMENDATION** – Approve and present a Commendation to Glenda Ragan, Robin Yonash, and Nancy Hagman for their work in capturing the history and heritage of Placer County cemeteries for families, friends, and historians.

ACTION REQUESTED

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BACKGROUND

Glenda Ragan, Robin Yonash and Nancy Hagman share the common bond of a love and passion to identify, remember and memorialize individuals who have been laid to rest in Placer County cemeteries.

To these ladies cemeteries represent a wealth of information to link history with the present through joy and tears while discovering long lost identities of individuals that have contributed through ordinary, and sometimes notorious lives, in the making of our current communities. The efforts of Robin Yonash and Glenda Ragan among others has resulted in a book and online directory that gives names to many of the wooden numbered markers in the Weimar Cemetery for gravesites of more than 1,400 tuberculosis victims that were treated in the Weimar Joint Sanatorium.

Yonash and Regan combed through tens of thousands of death certificates and surviving Weimar Institute documents to match almost all of the grave markers for the people who are buried in the Weimar cemetery. Their efforts also revealed a list of 29 veterans buried in the cemetery that were previously unidentified resulting in a pledge by the Colfax Veterans of Foreign Wars to construct a memorial for those veterans.

Nancy Hagman has written several articles and publications to document to stories of those buried in local Placer County cemeteries.

As avid historians, Glenda Ragan, Robin Yonash and Nancy Hagman have devoted countless hours to unearth the mysteries of past residents in Placer County; to tell their stories and to provide those with interest a means to research and document their heritage so that none of the people buried in Placer County would be forgotten; and the rich vein of history in our Placer County cemeteries can forever be linked to our growing communities.

The self-published history, including the list of names of grave markers, will be donated to the Colfax Library, the genealogy section of the Auburn Library, the Colfax Area Historical Society, the Weimar Institute and the Colfax Cemetery District.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

**MARCH 26, 2013 IN THE MATTER OF A COMMENDATION HONORING
GLENDA RAGAN, ROBIN YONASH AND NANCY HAGMAN FOR THEIR
WORK CAPTURING THE HISTORY AND HERITAGE OF PLACER COUNTY
CEMETERIES FOR FAMILIES, FRIENDS AND HISTORIANS.**

WHEREAS, Glenda Ragan, Robin Yonash and Nancy Hagman share the common bond of a love and passion to identify, remember and memorialize individuals who have been laid to rest in Placer County cemeteries; and

WHEREAS, to these ladies cemeteries represent a wealth of information to link history with the present through joy and tears while discovering long lost identities of individuals that have contributed through ordinary, and sometimes notorious lives, in the making of our current communities; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of Robin Yonash and Glenda Ragan among others has resulted in a book and online directory that gives names to many of the wooden numbered markers in the Weimar Cemetery for gravesites of more than 1,400 tuberculosis victims that were treated in the Weimar Joint Sanatorium; and

WHEREAS, Yonash and Regan combed through tens of thousands of death certificates and surviving Weimar Institute documents to match almost all of the grave markers for the people who are buried in the Weimar cemetery; and

WHEREAS, their efforts also revealed a list of 29 veterans buried in the cemetery that were previously unidentified resulting in a pledge by the Colfax Veterans of Foreign Wars to construct a memorial for those veterans; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Hagman has written several articles and publications to document stories of those buried in local Placer County cemeteries; and

WHEREAS, as avid historians, Glenda Ragan, Robin Yonash and Nancy Hagman have devoted countless hours to unearth the mysteries of past residents in Placer County; to tell their stories and to provide those with interest a means to research and document their heritage so that none of the people buried in Placer County would be forgotten; and the rich vein of history in our Placer County cemeteries can forever be linked to our growing communities; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN THAT, the Placer County Board of Supervisors takes great pleasure in honoring Glenda Ragan, Robin Yonash and Nancy Hagman for their work to unveil the mysteries of the Colfax, Weimar and Auburn cemeteries providing us with answers and a means to preserve the names of those that have gone before us.

Jim Holmes, Supervisor District 3,
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