

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Ted Gaines, Supervisor District 4

DATE: May 9, 2006

SUBJECT: COMMENDATION – Approve and present a Commendation to Phillip Barquero, Boy Scout Troop 331 as requested by Supervisor Gaines.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve and present a Commendation to Phillip Barquero, Boy Scout Troop 331 as requested by Supervisor Gaines.

BACKGROUND

The Board is being asked to approve and present a Commendation to honor Phillip Barquero, a Boy Scout from Troop 331, for his acts of heroism that saved the life of a fellow Boy Scout. In August 2004, while on a camp scavenger hunt the boys were searching through the forest when another camper stepped on an old wooden crate that smashed a beehive beneath the crate. This caused a massive swarm of bees to attack. All of the Scouts ran for safety except for one. That young man was allergic to bees and he fell to the ground. Phillip ran back and brushed the bees off of the other Scout and carried him to safety. Phillip was awarded the Medal of Merit by the National Council for his acts of heroism.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

COUNTY OF
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PROCLAMATION

In the Matter of a Commendation honoring Phillip Barquero
Of Boy Scout Troop 331 for his acts of heroism that
Saved the life of a fellow Boy Scout.

The following Commendation was passed by the Placer County Board of Supervisors
this 9th day of May, 2006, all members present voting aye:

**Bill Santucci, District One; Robert M. Weygandt, District Two;
Jim Holmes, District Three; Edward "Ted" M. Gaines, District Four;
Bruce Kranz, District Five**

WHEREAS, Only four Boy Scouts from the U.S. are chosen each year to make national
scouting reports as directed by Congressional mandate, and;

WHEREAS, Phillip Barquero, age 14, of Roseville was selected to join a delegation of
four Boy Scouts to present the Boy Scouts of America's report to the United States
Congress, to the speaker of the House and the President of the United States, and;

WHEREAS, The small delegation represents all regions of the country and the different
levels of scouting: one Cub Scout, four Boy Scouts, one venturing Scout and one
member of the Order of Arrow. The honor usually goes to scouts who have
distinguished themselves by receiving heroism awards from the National Council or
local councils, and;

WHEREAS, In August of 2004, Phillip Barquero was on a scavenger hunt at camp.
They were searching through the forest trying to find staff members who were hiding.
One of the other campers happened to step into an old wooden crate smashing into a
beehive under the crate. With bees everywhere, all the boys ran for safety. One boy,
who was allergic to bee stings, fell to the ground. Phillip ran back to help, brushing bees
of the incapacitated boy and carrying him to safety. The other boys ran for help and met
Phillip at the edge of the forest. For outstanding service in implementing scouting skills
and ideals, Phillip Barquero was awarded the Medal of Merit by the National Council
and presented by the local council, and;

WHEREAS, Phillip Barquero, a student at Olympus Junior High School, was hosted in
Washington, D.C. from March 4 through March 8 and made special presentations to
leaders of our nation and laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN THAT, the Placer County Board of
Supervisors' does hereby commend PHILLIP BARQUERO, on being a First Class
Scout in Troop 331 at Bayside Covenant Church in Granite Bay and for his heroism in
saving a fellow Boy Scout from harm.

Bill Santucci
Chairman

