

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rich Colwell, Chief Assistant County Executive Officer
David Snyder, Director of Economic Development

DATE: February 20, 2007

SUBJECT: COMMENDATION - Approve and present a Commendation honoring PRIDE Industries for their contribution to the population of disabled people in the workforce and for winning the U.S. Secretary of Labor's New Freedom Initiative Award.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a Commendation honoring PRIDE Industries for their contribution to the population of disabled people in the workforce and for winning the U.S. Secretary of Labor's New Freedom Initiative Award.

BACKGROUND/COMMUNITY BENEFITS

The Board of Supervisors is being asked to approve a Commendation recognizing PRIDE Industries for their exceptional contribution to the disabled population and to honor them through the presentation of a Commendation for winning the U.S. Secretary of Labor's New Freedom Initiative. This is a rare opportunity. PRIDE Industries has recognized and valued the disabled population since their beginning in 1966. Through them, thousands of disabled people have been afforded the opportunity to demonstrate their significant contribution to the American workforce. Their gifts and talents have proven invaluable to the workforce and PRIDE Industries has significantly changed lives one person and one job at a time.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

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COMMENDATION

In the matter of a Commendation honoring PRIDE Industries for their extraordinary contribution to the population of disabled people in the workforce and for winning the U.S. Secretary of Labor's New Freedom Initiative Award.

Whereas, in October of 2006, PRIDE Industries was one of nine winners announced in Washington DC to receive the U.S. Secretary of Labor's New Freedom Initiative Award for their contribution towards placing people with disabilities in the workforce; and

Whereas; PRIDE Industries was the only winner from California for the award and one of four nonprofit winners; and

Whereas, nearly 54 million Americans have a disability and 65% of the working age Americans with a disability are unemployed; and

Whereas, out of sensitivity to today's world of globalization and technology-driven change, Pride Industries has made it their mission to create jobs for people with disabilities; and

Whereas; the U.S. Secretary of Labor's New Freedom Initiative Award recognizes exemplary and innovative efforts to recruit, hire and promote people with disabilities and to incorporate into workplaces the principles of a 2001 federal initiative to help people with disabilities participate fully in all aspects of community life; and

Whereas, Pride Industries has shown initiative, innovation and dedication to enrich the workforce through the talents, ideas and creativity that reaches beyond today's challenges to unleash the valuable resource available to the workforce by people with disabilities; and

Whereas, Pride Industries has been making a positive difference through one job and one employee at a time since 1966; and

Whereas, Pride Industries is one of the largest employers of people with disabilities in the United States; and

Whereas, it has taken courage, care, creativity, tenacity and a CAN-DO-ATTITUDE to succeed, which is transferred to the population PRIDE Industries represents and the communities they serve.

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN THAT, the Placer County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize PRIDE Industries for their commitment to change lives and provide equal access and opportunities for Americans with disabilities and congratulates them on winning the U.S. Secretary of Labor's New Freedom Initiative Award for 2006.

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