

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Bruce Kranz, Supervisor, District 5

DATE: November 27, 2007

SUBJECT: Commendations – Approve and present a Commendation congratulating Mary Pombo Farinha on her 105th birthday.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve and present a Commendation congratulating Mary Pombo Farinha on her 105th birthday.

BACKGROUND

Mary Pombo Farinha celebrated her 105th birthday on November 6, 2007. She has been a resident of Placer County since she and her husband settled on a 70-acre ranch off Wise Road in Lincoln. She and her husband Frank Gonsalves Farinha came to America from Portugal on March 14, 1927. She raised crops and livestock on her ranch until she sold it in 1964 and moved to Auburn where she still lives today. On December 11, 1952, Mary Farinha became a naturalized citizen of the United States of America.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

**In the Matter of a Commendation congratulating
Mary Pombo Farinha on her 105th birthday.**

Whereas, Mary Farinha was born on November 6, 1902 in Ponta do Pargo, Sito do Cabo, Madeira Island, Portugal; and

Whereas, Mary had four brothers and two sisters. She was the second child of seven in her family; and

Whereas, Mary attended school in Portugal until age 10 and at the age of 15, she took on the responsibility to raise her siblings after losing her mother. She didn't resume her education until long after coming to America; and

Whereas, on March 14, 1927 she came to America with her new husband, Frank Gonsalves Farinha; and

Whereas, she and her husband settled on a 70-acre ranch they homesteaded off of Wise Road in Lincoln; and

Whereas, Mary and Frank had four children which Mary raised on her own after losing her husband in a farming accident in 1947. Mary continued her education by learning to speak and write English from her eldest son while he attended school in Lincoln; and

Whereas, Mary supported her family by working in the fruit sheds and turkey sheds located in Lincoln and Loomis and by growing crops and livestock on her ranch; and

Whereas, on December 11, 1952, Mary became a naturalized citizen in the United States of America; and

Whereas, Mary worked for her son at the Lone Star Dairy from 1958-1970 and sold her ranch in 1964 to move to Auburn where she lives today; and

Whereas, Mary never had a drivers license and up until age 98, she would walk to do her shopping in Auburn and to attend St Joseph's Catholic Mass; and

Whereas, Mary has 10 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren; and

Whereas, Mary enjoys gardening, flowers, and vegetables and after moving to Auburn, she began growing orchids. She was known by family and friends to nurse back to health the most limp and frail plants, restoring their life and beauty; and

Whereas, she enjoys playing nickel slot machines in Reno and crocheting. Mary is famous for making sock monkeys and baby blankets for friends and family. At the age of 99, she crocheted a beautiful dress for her great-grandchild Ruth.

Now Therefore Let It Be Known That, the Placer County Board of Supervisors congratulates Mary Pombo Farinha on her 105th birthday and wishes her good health with many more birthdays to come.

Bruce Kranz
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