

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jim Holmes, Supervisor District 3

DATE: December 9, 2008

SUBJECT: COMMENDATION - Present a Commendation recognizing the Native Sons of the Golden West, Auburn Parlor #59 for their outstanding contribution to preserve and celebrate the history and heritage of the state of California.

ACTION REQUESTED

Present a Commendation recognizing the Native Sons of the Golden West, Auburn Parlor #59 for their outstanding contribution to preserve and celebrate the history and heritage of the state of California.

BACKGROUND

The Native Sons of the Golden West was founded on July 11, 1875. The primary mission for the organization is to preserve the "Days of 49" and the history of California. The Native Sons of the Golden West unites members statewide through ties of friendship, loyalty and charity to rejoice in times of prosperity and extend good will in times of adversity.

The Auburn Parlor #59 received its charter on April 4, 1885 and conducts its meetings in the old Masonic Hall in Historic Auburn. The Auburn Parlor #59 is responsible for numerous bronze plaques mounted at historical sites throughout the Auburn Area to commemorate their significance in history. The Auburn Parlor #59 works closely with the City of Auburn and the Auburn Chamber of Commerce in celebration of historic milestones for Placer County.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

In the matter of a Commendation recognizing the outstanding contributions the Native Sons of the Golden West, Auburn Parlor #59 have made to preserve and celebrate the history and heritage of the state of California.

WHEREAS, The Native Sons of the Golden West is a fraternal order founded on July 11, 1875 for the mutual benefit, mental improvement and social intercourse of its members; and

WHEREAS, The Native Sons of the Golden West is an organization whose primary mission is to preserve the "Days of 49" and the history of California; and

WHEREAS, The Native Sons of the Golden West, serves to unite members statewide by the ties of Friendship, Loyalty, and Charity and to rejoice with one another in prosperity and to extend the good Samaritan hand in adversity; and

WHEREAS, Auburn Parlor #59 received its charter on April 4, 1885 and conducts its meetings in the old Masonic Hall in Historic Auburn; and

WHEREAS, many prominent Auburn Area families past and present have been members including the Hawver, Walsh, Tuttle, Chamberlain, Merrow, Willmont, Robie, Rosenberry, Dorer, Robinson, Voyatzies, Thompson, Veal, Yue, Allen, and Holmes families; and

WHEREAS, throughout these many years bronze plaques commemorating historic sites in the Auburn area have been dedicated by Auburn Parlor #59 and the State Grand Parlor, including Bloomer Cut, Auburn Iron Works, Auburn Drug Store, Native Sons Park in Historic Auburn, the Masonic Temple, Bi-Centennial Park, Old Joe, Auburn Joss House, Tsuda's Grocery, and the Original Placer County Hospital; and

WHEREAS, The Native Sons of the Golden West have built and constructed mining artifact displays at Native Sons Park and the Claude Chana Statue, a working stamp mill at Bi-Centennial Park, carriage barns at the Bernard House and the Medical Museum, and the Rock Monument in remembrance of Old Joe; and

WHEREAS, The Native Sons of the Golden West are second to none when it comes to community service by installing bunting in Historic Auburn; performing maintenance and clean-up at the pioneer cemeteries at Deadwood, Last Chance, Coloma, and at the Auburn Chinese Cemetery; and maintaining the Western States Trail, and working with the City of Auburn and the Auburn Chamber of Commerce in celebration of historic milestones; and

WHEREAS, Auburn Parlor #59 has restored eight horse drawn wagons thus making them available for display to the Department of Placer County Museums and participation in parades and festivals in the Placer County communities of Auburn, Colfax, Iowa Hill, and Foresthill; and

WHEREAS, the wagons have participated in events in communities throughout Northern California and parts of Nevada; and in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena where their wagons have won the Draft Horse Classic Americana Division four times.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN to all citizens that the Placer County Board of Supervisors and the people of Placer County appreciate and recognize the outstanding contributions the Auburn Parlor #59 have made to preserve and celebrate our history and heritage: presented on this day December 9, 2008 in Friendship, Loyalty and Charity.

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