

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Kirk Uhler, Supervisor District 4
Thomas M. Miller, County Executive Officer

DATE: April 5, 2011

SUBJECT: **COMMENDATION** - Approve a Commendation honoring Marie Kennedy for her generous donation to improve the Ronald L. Feist Park in Granite Bay after winning the, "Building Diamonds And Dreams" promotion sponsored by Chevrolet and The Scotts Company.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a Commendation honoring Marie Kennedy for her generous donation to improve the Ronald L. Feist Park in Granite Bay after winning the, "Building Diamonds And Dreams" promotion sponsored by Chevrolet and The Scotts Company.

BACKGROUND/COMMUNITY BENEFITS

In July 2010, Marie Kennedy entered a sweepstakes promotion, "Building Diamonds And Dreams" offered on-line by Chevrolet and The Scotts Company to win either a new car or a \$40,000 make-over for a baseball or softball field of the recipient's choice.

While Marie Kennedy did not win the 1st place grand prize of a new car, she did win the runner-up prize for a Regional Field Makeover Prize. After consulting a friend and doing some on-line research about local projects to benefit baseball fields in the local area, Ms. Kennedy chose Ronald L. Feist Park, home for the Lakeside Little League, in Granite Bay.

The Board of Supervisors will recognize Ms. Kennedy for her generosity that will benefit local baseball enthusiasts for years to come.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

In the matter of a Commendation honoring Marie Kennedy for her generous donation to improve the Ronald L. Feist Park in Granite Bay after winning the "Building Diamonds And Dreams" promotion sponsored by Chevrolet and The Scotts Company.

Whereas, Marie is a proud resident of Granite Bay. She was born in southern California and moved to northern California in 1988. Her mother Pat Thiry has lived in Granite Bay since 1984. Marie has a brother Michael and sister Diana and has lived with her mother in Granite Bay since 2007; and

Whereas, in July 2010, Marie Kennedy entered a sweepstakes promotion, "Building Diamonds And Dreams" offered on-line by Chevrolet and The Scotts Company to win either a new car or a \$40,000 make-over for a baseball or softball field of the recipient's choice; and

Whereas, having won the Regional Field Makeover Prize, Marie Kennedy chose Coker-Ewing Field at Feist Park as the recipient of the \$40,000 award after discovering on-line Lakeside Little League and their efforts with community support to build quality baseball fields in the park; and

Whereas, thanks to Marie Kennedy, the makeover covered the costs to reconstruct the pitcher's mound, re-cut the base paths, install the infield skin, install a new home plate and bases, improve the drainage on the field and construct new coaches' boxes; and

Whereas, on Wednesday, March 16, 2011 a dedication ceremony attended by several Placer County officials, the Lakeside Little League, Chevrolet, Ripken Design, community members and other participants in the project was held at Ronald L. Feist Park in honor of Marie's contributions and the improvements made to the field; and

Whereas, in appreciation for her donation, Marie received several souvenirs, including a baseball autographed by National Baseball Hall of Famer Cal Ripken, Jr.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN that the Placer County Board of Supervisors takes great joy in honoring Marie Kennedy for her donation to improve Coker-Ewing Baseball Field in Ronald L. Feist Park in Granite Bay and appreciates her generosity that will be enjoyed by baseball enthusiasts for years to come.

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