

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Robert M. Weygandt, Supervisor District 2
Thomas M. Miller, County Executive Officer

DATE: October 11, 2011

SUBJECT: COMMENDATION - Present a Commendation congratulating Mark Fowler on his retirement with appreciation for his many years of dedication to the students and community of Lincoln.

ACTION REQUESTED

Present a Commendation congratulating Mark Fowler on his retirement with appreciation for his many years of dedication to the students and community of Lincoln.

BACKGROUND/COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Mark Fowler retired as a teacher from Lincoln High School in June 2010 after 37 years of teaching. He will be honored by the Board of Supervisors on October 11, 2011 for his many years of dedication to the students of Lincoln High School.

Among his many accomplishments, Mr. Fowler started the highly successful School Farm Program at Lincoln High School. The program combined agriculture, biology and natural history to study wildlife habitat on the farm.

As part of the curriculum, students were given practical experience in wildlife habitat by installing Wood Duck boxes on the school farm to document their life cycle and natural habits. In addition, Mr. Fowler created the Sportsman Legacy Program which provides students with scholarships for monitoring Wood Duck boxes around Placer County. He also developed an outdoor education program that takes students all over the western United States to study wildlife, geology and cultural history.

Mr. Fowler continues to volunteer his time in the community and serves on various committees including the Rural Lincoln Municipal Advisory Council.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

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COMMENDATION

In the matter of a Commendation congratulating Mark Fowler on his retirement from Lincoln High School with appreciation for his many years of dedication to the students and community of Lincoln.

Whereas, Mark Fowler retired as a teacher from Lincoln High School in June 2010 after 37 years of teaching; and

Whereas, Mark was himself a graduate from Lincoln High School; and

Whereas, Mark dedicated his life to the enhancement of others through teaching, coaching, community involvement, leadership and volunteer service; and

Whereas, Mark was selected as the Placer County Teacher of the Year in 1997; and

Whereas, a naturalist and avid outdoorsman, Mark was instrumental in starting the highly successful School Farm program at Lincoln High School. It was designed to give students practical experience in the study of agriculture and natural resources; and

Whereas, he developed several innovative educational programs at Lincoln High School including the Outdoor Education Program that takes students all over the western United States to study wildlife, geology and cultural history; the Outdoor Education Alumni Program; the Fish Project on the school farm; the Natural History class that installed Wood Duck boxes to study wildlife habitat at the school farm and the Sportsman Legacy Program which provides students with scholarships for monitoring Wood Duck boxes around Placer County; and

Whereas, in addition to teaching, Mark coached football for 32 years and continues to serve on various committees for community support; and

Whereas, Mark Fowler is described by his co-workers and peers as a man that "Quietly makes a difference in young people's lives well after they leave school by continually keeping track of their accomplishments and disappointments offering his wisdom and encouragement whenever possible. He is/was a mentor for many teachers and set the standard for what a teacher should be. He cared about the students, offered them opportunities to learn in and outside of the classroom and challenged them to excel in their education to become quality individuals."

Now therefore, let it be known that on this day October 11, 2011 the Placer County Board of Supervisors does hereby congratulate Mark Fowler on his well deserved retirement with appreciation for his many years of dedication to the students of Lincoln High School and community of Lincoln.

Robert M. Weygandt, Supervisor, District 2
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