

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF AMADOR, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF

RESOLUTION HONORING)
MR. ROY DANIEL ONETO ON THE)
OCCASION OF HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY)

RESOLUTION NO. 14-017

WHEREAS, Roy Daniel Oneto was born in Jackson, California on March 3, 1914, to Nicola and Rose (Ratto) Oneto on the family ranch (in the old 2 story home with adjoining brick kitchen) located on State Highway 88 approximately 4 ½ miles east of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, Roy’s grandfather Giuseppe Oneto and his brothers Stefano and Bartolomeo came from the region of Genoa, Italy and homesteaded the family ranch; the ranch has since been divided and passed on, and is occupied by multiple generations of the Oneto family; and

WHEREAS, Roy attended Middle Fork School (one room school house) for children Kindergarten age to 8th grade, and Jackson Union High School, graduating in 1933; and

WHEREAS, Roy helped his family cut, peel and haul timbers for the Kennedy and Argonaut mines which were hauled by wagon pulled by horses and mules. Later they hauled logs on a new Fageol truck, the predecessor to the Peterbilt. Roy also worked at the “slime plant” for the Kennedy Mine as an operator; and

WHEREAS, Roy proudly served his country in the United States Army for 3 years, 3 months, and 13 days; and

WHEREAS, Roy worked as a master carpenter being well known as a “wonderful finish man”. Roy attributes his carpentry skills to training he received while in the army. Roy also did concrete work and some stone cutting, which he learned from Arrigo Fantozzi, a true tradesman from Italy; and

WHEREAS, Roy remembers the first car he drove was a 1919 Model T Sedan, “an Oneto Company car”; and

WHEREAS, In 1937 Roy purchased his first new car, a 1937 Pontiac sedan, from Stanley Yager, a car dealer in Ione, for \$1,100.00 – **cash**. He later added the accessories, a radio and a spot light; and

WHEREAS, Roy met his future wife, Emily Tyack, in 1937. They were married in Carson City, Nevada on May 19, 1946. They were married for 65 years until her passing in 2011. They had two daughters, Cheryl Chopping and Marlana (Tico) Arnese. They have two grandchildren, a granddaughter Wendy Chopping and a grandson Christopher Chopping; and

WHEREAS, Roy enjoyed deer hunting with the regular gang every season. He prided himself on being a “good aim, making every shot count – no scope!” A lot of “young buck hunters” wanted to join the gang, but only a few of them made the “cut”. Mushroom hunting was also at the top of his priority list, with the anticipation of “finding them” and reinforcing the creed of “never disclosing your hunting spot(s) to anyone!!!” After retiring, Roy had a huge and beautiful garden on the ranch with a roadside stand known as “Roy’s Garden”. At 99 years old Roy continued his yearly ritual of making raviolis and cracking walnuts from his trees and selling them at Christmas time; and

WHEREAS, Roy’s family describes him as “tough-minded and strict”, his way was the right way and the only way; a man of his word, if he told you something, you could count on it; a teacher and a traditionalist, teaching his daughters and grandchildren how to make raviolis the way his grandmother and

mother taught him; how to hunt and identify mushrooms noting one mistake could kill you; how to work, slow and steady, utilizing your tools, so you could last all day. If there was one true “soft spot”, Roy loved small children, always treating them with candy and cookies whenever the occasion arose; and

WHEREAS, when Roy is asked if there is a secret to his longevity, he answers, “hard work, and plenty of it, eat good food and at regular times, rest your body with good sleep”; and

WHEREAS, about 35 years ago, Roy and his wife, Emily, were having a conversation and Roy said, “you know Mom, I think I’m going to live to be 100”, and her response was “I hope you do!” It looks like Roy’s premonition came true!!

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador, State of California, does hereby honor Roy Daniel Oneto on his 100th Birthday (March 3, 2014) and is thankful for his life-long contributions to the people, land and institutions of Amador County.

The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors at a regular meeting held on the 11th day of March, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES: Theodore F. Novelli, Brian Oneto, John Plasse, Louis D. Boitano and Richard M. Forster

NOES: None

ABSENT: None



Theodore F. Novelli, Chairman

ATTEST:
JENNIFER BURNS, Clerk of the
Board of Supervisors, Amador County,
California



Deputy