

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

IN THE MATTER OF

RESOLUTION HONORING) RESOLUTION NO. 13-044
MR. RUSSELL ROBERT TONZI)
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY)

WHEREAS, Russell Robert Tonzi was born in Mt. Echo, California on May 4, 1913, in the family home on Tonzi Road; and

WHEREAS, Russell's grandfather Giuseppe Tonzi and his grandmother Rosa Tonzi emigrated from Ticino, the Italian canton of Switzerland, in 1874, settling on 160 acres, on what is now called Tonzi Road; and

WHEREAS, Russell's father John Tonzi, a charter member of the Amador/El Dorado/Sacramento Cattlemen's Association, drove a freight wagon pulled by horses and mules delivering supplies to the Amador County mines and to Chichizola's stores. He later purchased a 1,400+ acre ranch to raise cattle on, located on Irish Hill Road, where Russell still lives today; and

WHEREAS, Russell and his brother and sister attended school in Carbondale and Lone, traveling to school in a horse and buggy; and he worked on the ranch and remembers cutting and hauling hay with horses when hay was \$25 a ton; and

WHEREAS, Russell drove a Model T Ford while attending Sutter Creek High School, where he learned to build and repair engines that gave him a great start in a long career as a skilled mechanic where he worked on the Gold Dredge on Dry Creek in the 1930's and also in Alaska; and

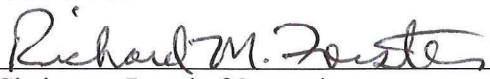
WHEREAS, Russell and his wife Wilma were married in Reno, Nevada in 1932. After the ceremony they returned home and went to the Cattlemen's Ball in Plymouth and danced until midnight. They were married for 57 years until her passing in 1989. They had two children, a daughter Gloria, and a son James; and

WHEREAS, when Russell is asked if there is a secret to his longevity, he answers, "I don't smoke, I eat right and I try to keep active; I take a seaweed tablet every day, I don't eat a lot of sugar and 3 or 4 times a week I have a drink of Canadian Mist."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador, State of California, does hereby honor Russell Robert Tonzi on his 100th Birthday (May 4, 2013) and is thankful for his life-long contributions to the citizens of Amador County.


The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors at a regular meeting held on the 28th day of May, 2013, by the following vote:

AYES: Richard M. Forster, Theodore F. Novelli, Brian Oneto, and Louis D. Boitano
NOES: None
ABSENT: John Plasse



Chairman, Board of Supervisors

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



(Resolution No. 13-044)

(5/28/13)