

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING            )           RESOLUTION NO. 11-008  
RICHARD P. VINSON FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE    )  
AND DEVOTION TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF         )  
A COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESENCE                 )  
IN AMADOR COUNTY                                 )

WHEREAS, Richard Priestly Vinson was born October 14, 1928 to Belton Vinson and Blanche Baugh Vinson in Magee, Mississippi and later moved to California; and

WHEREAS, Richard graduated from Magee High School in April, 1947; and

WHEREAS, from 1948 through 1952, Richard was awarded the Silver Star for Bravery in action at the invasion of the Inchon, Korea in 1950 while serving in the US Navy; and

WHEREAS, Richard graduated from Mississippi Southern College in June, 1957 and from Duke University in June, 1961; and

WHEREAS, from July, 1961 to June, 1965, Richard served as a Methodist Navy Chaplain from his post in Iwakuna, Japan and 6 months service in Danang, Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, in 1966, Richard practiced as a licensed Marriage, Family, and Child Counselor in Modesto, California; and

WHEREAS, Richard met Sheila in Amador County and married September 8, 1972 and together raised Richard Keith, James, Michael and Lisa in Pioneer, California; and

WHEREAS, Richard established and operated Buckhorn Groceries in Pioneer; and

WHEREAS, Richard served as the Founding Director and Chairman of the Board of the Bank of Amador; and

WHEREAS, Richard was elected to Pioneer Community Services District in November 1983; and

WHEREAS, from 1993 through 1995, Richard was appointed as District 3 Planning Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Richard was appointed by Governor Pete Wilson to Amador County Supervisor, District 3 in November 1995; and

WHEREAS, Richard was elected Amador County Supervisor, District 3 in 1996 and served three consecutive terms and serving as Chairman of the Board of Supervisor three times; and

WHEREAS, Richard served on the Executive Committee as the Amador County representative on the California State Association of Counties Board; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, Richard steadfastly organized and led local citizens in establishing the Foothill Citizens for Community College, resulting in the first community college classes being taught in Amador County; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, Richard graciously served as the Founding Chairman of the Amador Community College Foundation, formed for the sole purpose of establishing a community college presence in Amador County; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Richard's strong leadership, determination, and sheer tenacity successfully led to obtaining federal assistance under the FY 2009 appropriations for the Amador County College Preparation Initiative resulting in the development of the Amador Learning Center, thus establishing a community college presence in Amador County.

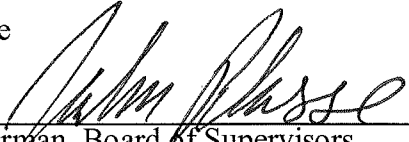
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador, State of California, which said Board does hereby recognize and commend Richard Vinson for his more than 25 years of service and devotion to Amador County, to the development of our communities, and to the establishment of a Community College presence in Amador County.

The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 8th day of February, 2011, by the following vote:

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


NOES: None

ABSENT: None

  
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Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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

  
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Deputy