

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESOLUTION HONORING AND RECOGNIZING) RESOLUTION NO. 11-141
TILDEN DAVID RICHARDS FOR HIS OUTSTANDING)
ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE FIELD OF AVIATION)

WHEREAS, Tilden David “Dave” Richards was born on September 6, 1936 in Jackson California, in the County of Amador; and

WHEREAS, Dave attended Amador High School graduating in 1954; and

WHEREAS, Dave attended San Jose State University from September, 1954 to June 1959 earning a Bachelor’s degree in Aeronautics; and

WHEREAS, Dave was awarded his Student Pilot Certificate on December 2, 1956 and received his training at Westover Field in Amador County; and

WHEREAS, Dave completed his first solo flight on December 29, 1956 flying a Luscombe 8E out of the Lincoln Airport, in Lincoln California; and

WHEREAS, Dave entered the Navy Aviation Officer Training Program in July 1959, was commissioned as a Navy Ensign on October 30, 1959, and completed Navy Primary Flight Training on January 18, 1960; and

WHEREAS, Dave completed the United States Navy Advanced Training Program on January 23, 1961 with eight carrier landings in a S2F aircraft on the USS Antietam, and was subsequently appointed a Naval Aviator #V-17400; and

WHEREAS, Dave was assigned to Carrier Early Warning Squadron Eleven and flew for two combat tours from February 1961 to July 1965 logging over 2,000 hours of flight time; and

WHEREAS, from July 1965 to October 1979 Dave continued in his Naval career becoming proficient in flying a host of different aircraft from twin engine turbo props to jets and wherein during that time Dave flew another combat tour from March 1969 to August 1970 flying A6 jet aircraft for Attack Squadron Eighty Five, Oceana, VA and commanded a fleet support squadron based in the Philippines from October 1972 to May 1975; and

WHEREAS, upon retirement from the Navy, Dave went to work for McDonnell Douglas Aerospace Company on the Tomahawk Program while pursuing his Flight Instructors Certificate which he attained in July, 1980; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1980’s Dave returned “home” to Amador County to become the Manager of the Amador County Airport/Westover Field, successfully own and operate Classic Aircraft Service offering aviation fuel, oil, parts, pilot supplies and hangars while continuing to offer flight instruction to aspiring pilots; and

WHEREAS, Dave continues to enjoy flying his Bonanza P-35 out of Westover Field and is an active member of the Community serving as Secretary for the Jackson Lions Club and as a Commissioner on the Amador County Transportation Commission.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Amador County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize and honor Mr. Tilden David "Dave" Richards for his outstanding accomplishments in the field of aviation and his exemplary record of fifty-five consecutive years of safe flight operations.

The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Amador County Board of Supervisors at a regular meeting, held on the 22nd day of November, 2011, by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None



CHAIRMAN, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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

