

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING GRETCHEN)	RESOLUTION NO. 10-154
UMLAND KINGSBURY AS THE AMADOR)	
COUNTY PEACE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION)	
CITIZEN OF THE YEAR FOR 2010)	

WHEREAS, Gretchen Umland Kingsbury was born on August 2nd, 1933 in Cambridge, Massachusetts to Eldo Eugene and Pauline Sawyer Umland; and

WHEREAS, in 1938 the Umland family moved to California, being the first family to move across the continental United States solely by air; and

WHEREAS, Gretchen graduated in 1950 from Burlingame High School, and after attending San Mateo Junior College, she received her Bachelor's degree in 1955 from San Jose State University followed by a teaching credential in 1956 and a Master's degree in secondary education in 1958; and

WHEREAS, Gretchen taught physical education in San Francisco for four years before starting a family and moving to Amador County in 1966; and

WHEREAS, Gretchen and Paul Kingsbury raised five children, Karen, Diana, Hale, Jan and Tom, all of whom graduated from Amador County High School and now live in the United States and abroad. Gretchen served as a leader in 4-H, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Sunday school during her children's youth; and

WHEREAS, Gretchen taught physical education and other subjects at Jackson Junior High School from 1969-1991 as well as serving three years as the district instructor for Gifted and Talented Education (GATE); and

WHEREAS, Gretchen was an adjunct professor with San Joaquin Delta College from 1969 until 2008. After retiring from full-time teaching, Gretchen has continued to serve students in Amador County as a Home Bound instructor tutoring those who need additional educational learning tools; and

WHEREAS, Gretchen opened her own business, Gretchen's Painting and Wallpapering, which she operated from 1998-2003, serving Amador County and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, Gretchen helped start the county's first girls' softball league, was a volunteer First Aid and CPR instructor for Red Cross, and was a volunteer referee for the county youth soccer league. She was a charter member and president of the Amador branch of American Association of University Women (AAUW) and served on the Amador County Domestic Violence Council; and

WHEREAS, Gretchen has been involved with numerous recent and current volunteer activities including: Member of the Sutter Creek Visions Committee (formed to update the city's general plan), Pets Helping Us Recover (PHUR) at the UC Davis Medical Center (visiting patients with her therapy dog Mya), Active Aging Trainer (Fit over Fifty exercise instructor thought the Senior Center, Driver for STARS (cancer van for patients in Amador County needing treatments in Sacramento), Amador County Archives, Lifeline in-home systems installer (for seniors with chronic illnesses in rehabilitation and hospice care who wish to remain living independently in their own residence), Hospice Family Support and Griefbusters programs, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) for children in the foster system, Amador County Animal Shelter/APAL (delivers dogs to animal rescue groups), Friends of the Amador County Farmers Market, Amador Community Foundation Board (benefits many non-profit organizations and philanthropic causes), Knight Foundry Capital Campaign Committee, and maintains the public events calendar at Sutter Hill.


THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador, State of California, that said Board does hereby honor and recognize Gretchen Kingsbury as the 2010 Amador County Peace Officers' Association Citizen of the Year.

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 19th day of October, 2010, by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

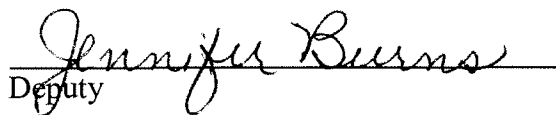
ABSENT: None



Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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



Deputy