The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

IN THE MATTER OF HONORING WALTER PEDRETTI, THE SAN PABLO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2009 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

RESOLUTION NO. 2009/79

WHEREAS, Walter A. Pedretti was born in San Pablo, California in 1922; and

WHEREAS, Walter Pedretti attended local schools and graduated from Richmond High in 1940, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pedretti worked in local industry until he joined the U.S. Army in 1942; gaining the rank of Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, Walter Pedretti served in the South Pacific until he was discharged in 1945; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pedretti left the military to become an officer in San Pablo's first police department; and

WHEREAS, Walter Pedretti became Police Chief in 1949 and served in that capacity for 26 years until retiring on November 30, 1977; and

WHEREAS, Chief Pedretti was the youngest police chief in the state and holds the record of the state's longest serving police chief; and

WHEREAS, Chief Pedretti has been a property owner in San Pablo for 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Walter Pedretti has served on numerous community boards and groups including as a director of Boy's Club for more than 20 years; on the Salvation Army Advisory Board; as Chairman of the Guide Dogs for the Blind fun-drive; and as co-chair of the West County Boy Scout Fund-Drive; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pedretti holds Honorary Life Memberships of the PTA, the San Pablo Eagles, and the VFW; and serves as vice-president of the San Pablo Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Walter Pedretti and his wife Phyllis were married in 1948 and are the proud parents of three daughters and five grandchildren;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County honor Walter A. Pedretti's inspirational years of service to the people of San Pablo and West Contra Costa and congratulate him for being named the San Pablo Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the year.

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I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown:

ATTESTED: February 24, 2009

DAVID J. TWA, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and

County Administrator

By atherine Suclair

Introduced by Supervisor Gioia, District I