

*The Board of Supervisors of
Contra Costa County, California*

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2012/71

Congratulating Contra Costa County Superior Court Judge Harlan G. Grossman on his retirement after 21 years of devoted service on the Bench, and 30 years of public service in the legal system.

WHEREAS; Judge Harlan G. Grossman was appointed to the Municipal Court for the Bay Judicial District of Contra Costa County by Governor George Deukmejian on January 2, 1991 and was elevated to Contra Costa Superior Court by virtue of Court unification on June 8, 1998; and WHEREAS; Judge Grossman was assigned to be the Presiding Judge of the Bay Judicial District Municipal Court in 1994 and elected as Chair of the Municipal Judges' Association of Contra Costa County from November 15, 1995 through June 8, 1998; and

WHEREAS Judge Grossman's formal education includes his graduation from the University of California at San Diego with a B.A. in Economics with honors in 1972, and from the University of San Diego School of Law, where he received his Juris Doctor in December 1974 at the age of 22; and

WHEREAS Judge Grossman's legal career includes his service as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; a Deputy District Attorney in Contra Costa County; a Trial Attorney with the United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division; and an Assistant United States Attorney in the Northern District of California; and

WHEREAS Judge Grossman volunteers extensively in the community serving on the Board of Directors of Walden House since 2003 and as its Chair since 2004; on the University of San Diego School of Law Alumni Board since 2009; and on the Board of Managers of the West Contra Costa Branch of the YMCA of the East Bay from 1988 through 2003, including serving as its Chair from 1998 to 2000; and serving as a Judge in the annual Mock Trial competition from 1991 through 2011, and the California Judges Association's Ethics Committee and Criminal Law and Procedure Committee; and

WHEREAS Judge Grossman was a leader and pioneer in implementing the Contra Costa County Superior Court's Supervised Treatment and Recovery (STAR) Drug Court on January 1, 1997, and presiding over the Drug Court through May 2002; and

WHEREAS this Board recognized Judge Grossman in March 1999 for his sixteen years of service to our County, including his work in establishing our Drug Court; and

WHEREAS Judge Grossman graduated from the Leadership Contra Costa program in 2003 and has thereafter participated in its annual "Price of Justice" Day from 2003 through 2011. He currently serves on its Alumni Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS Judge Grossman's phenomenal ability to remember dates, numbers, and factual details is widely known; and

WHEREAS Judge Grossman was born in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, and raised in San Diego, California.

WHEREAS Judge Grossman will now have far more time to spend as a devoted fan and a season ticket holder of the San Francisco Giants; and

That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Contra Costa hereby honors Judge Harlan Grossman for his devoted and compassionate service to the citizens of Contra Costa County and wishes him well on his retirement and future endeavors.

MARY N. PIEPHO

Chair,
District III Supervisor

JOHN GIOIA

District I Supervisor

GAYLE B. UILKEMA

District II Supervisor

KAREN MITCHOFF

District IV Supervisor

FEDERAL D. GLOVER

District V Supervisor

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 21, 2012

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy