

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2015/429

Recognizing Richard O'Connor

Whereas, Richard O'Connor was born and raised in Martinez, California and learned to play the guitar when he was just three years old; and
Whereas, Richard inherited his talent and developed his love of music from his father, a professional singer of Blue Grass Music, and performed with him on the radio, for community and school events, and later as a member of Jack & The Rippers; and
Whereas, Richard continued to play the guitar after joining the Marine Corps in August of 1966 where music sustained both him and his troop, through both good times and bad; and
Whereas, Richard was wounded in Vietnam and received three Purple Heart Medals and spent over five months recovering at Oak Knoll Hospital in Oakland after being wounded for a third time. He was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps as a Corporal on August 16th, 1968; and
Whereas, Richard has played for wounded troops coming home to Travis Air Force Base, the same place he once came home wounded in 1968; and
Whereas, Veterans who served with Richard have contacted him, thanking him for his music and for bringing them a sense of home while they were fighting in Vietnam; and
Whereas, Richard has been playing guitar and singing at many Veteran's events, including the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisor's Annual Veteran's Day Ceremony since 2009.
Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby honor and thank Richard O'Connor for his dedication and commitment to all he has served, both in the United States Marine Corps and since coming home.

JOHN GIOIA

Chair,
District I Supervisor

CANDACE ANDERSEN

District II Supervisor

MARY N. PIEPHO

District III 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: November 10, 2015

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy